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Seeking second chances

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Tommy Richards, 49, reacts as his sister, Kenosha Sharp, testifies during his hearing before Judge Angela Pasula at the Berrien County Courthouse on Sept. 10, 2019. Richards was 17 when he raped and killed 10-year-old Shimika Hicks of Benton Harbor in 1987. He was handed the mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. The U.S. Supreme Court has since ruled that the mandatory life without parole sentence for juveniles is unconstitutional. A Berrien judge, however, has recently ruled that Richards should not be allowed a chance at release – a rarity in these types of cases.

Local juvenile lifer cases reflect the challenge across Michigan in re-examining whether justice was served

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Tommy Richards was 17 when a prison cell became his permanent home.

Richards, now 49, recently became the first juvenile offender from Berrien County to be re-sentenced to life without parole.

In fighting for that sentence, Jeffrey Taylor, chief trial attorney in the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office, said Richards showed no true remorse, had misconduct tickets in prison, and in a recorded phone call from prison told his girlfriend he was "going to say what I have to say to get out."

Taylor said Richards had taken no responsibility for the rape and murder of 10-year-old Shimika Hicks in April 1987.

"This, if not the worst, is one of the worst crimes ever committed in Berrien County," Taylor told Berrien County Trial Court Judge Angela Pasula before she handed down the renewed sentence of life without parole.

Sofia Nelson from the State Appellate Defender's Office argued that the 49-year-old Tommy Richards is "remorseful, religious, family-oriented and non-violent."

But Pasula, in passing sentence, said she did not believe his remorse was genuine or that he had truly taken responsibility for what he had done. She referred to the recorded phone conversation in which Richards, from prison, told his girlfriend, "We have to push all the right buttons and pull all the right levers."

In Michigan, up until recently, anyone convicted of first-degree or felony murder, including a juvenile who was tried as an adult, faced an automatic, mandatory sentence of life without parole.

But the U.S. Supreme Court, in the 2012 case of Miller vs. Alabama, ruled that mandatory, automatic life without parole for a juvenile is unconstitutional. The remedy is for a judge to have the discretion to sentence to life without parole or some term of years.

The ruling was applicable to Dakota

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The status of Berrien's juvie lifer cases

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

Hearings for people who were 17 or younger when they were sentenced to life in prison without parole are winding their way through courts across the country. Here are the juvenile-lifer cases that have been heard in Berrien County since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that automatic life without parole for juveniles is unconstitutional:

■ Dakotah Eliason, 24, was 14 when on March 7, 2010, he fatally shot his sleeping grandfather Jesse Miles in Buchanan. He was re-sentenced June 26, 2015, to 35-60 years in prison and has served nine years and four months.

■ Bobby Griffin, 69, has been released from prison. He was 16 when on Oct. 19, 1967, he, along with three other people, broke into the Benton Harbor home of Minnie Peapples, 84, and killed her. He was re-sentenced on July 10, 2017,

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SOUTH HAVEN

City to unveil plan to improve bluff access, protect it from erosion

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Five years ago, South Haven acquired four prized parcels of property on Monroe Boulevard overlooking Lake Michigan.

Now city officials want to make the bluff more accessible to residents and visitors while ensuring its stability environmentally for future generations to enjoy.

The view, located across the street from Kids Corner Park, overlooks Lake Michigan and the city's South Beach and lighthouse, and is a popular destination for visitors.

"It's the focal point when people come to South Haven," former Mayor Bob Burr said when the city purchased the property in 2015. "They park and they look over the bluff."

South Haven residents will get a chance to see improvements envisioned for the popular overlook when the Monroe Bluff Beach Management Plan is unveiled at the March 16 city council meeting. The meeting and public hearing will begin at 7 p.m., at city hall, 539 Phoenix St.

The $677,500 Monroe Bluff Beach Management Plan was developed by Edgewater Resources of St. Joseph, following two years of public visioning sessions.

In 2016, the Public Works Department began the effort of creating best management practices for maintenance plan of the dune habitat on Lake Michigan, west of Monroe Blvd., between Van Buren and Chestnut Streets, according to Department of Public Works Director Bill Hunter.

Improper disposal of grass clippings and yard waste on dunes; erosion of sand by wind and uncontrolled foot traffic; and growth of invasive plant species were all issues noted by the city's maintenance crews.

To protect the bluff and make accessibility to it safer for the public, the city asked Edgewater Resources to develop a plan based on public input.

The plan includes safer pedestrian access to and from the bluff with bump-outs and crosswalks at three intersections leading to Monroe Boulevard and the bluff;

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U.S. prisons on alert for spread of coronavirus

By CLAUDIA LAUER and COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The nation's jails and prisons are on high alert, stepping up inmate screenings, sanitizing jail cells and urging lawyers to scale back in-person visits to prevent the new coronavirus from spreading through their vast inmate populations.

There have been no reports of COVID-19 inside U.S. jails or prisons. But more people are incarcerated per capita here than in any other country in the world and prisons have become hot spots in other nations touched by the outbreak.

Coronavirus suddenly exploded in China's prisons last week, with reports of more than 500 cases spreading across five facilities in three provinces. Earlier this week in Iran, 54,000 inmates were temporarily released back into the country amid virus fears.

Jail operators in the U.S. are coming to the growing realization that it's only a matter of time before it strikes here.

"Jails are, you know, just prime opportunities for something like this to spread," said Bossier Parish Sheriff Julian Whittington, the president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association. "I'm a realist and I suspect more than likely sometime it's going to pop up in somebody's jail."

Health officials have been warning for more than a decade about the dangers of outbreaks in jails and prisons, which are ideal environments for virus outbreaks: Inmates share small cells with total strangers, use toilets just a few feet from their beds, and are herded into day rooms where they spend hours at a time

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Spectrum Health announces free virtual coronavirus screening

By HP STAFF

GRAND RAPIDS — Michigan residents who think they may have symptoms of COVID-19 can be screened for free via a virtual video visit.

Spectrum Health announced in a news release Friday that the purpose is to prevent the spread of illness by enabling people to seek the information they need from their homes, while making it easy and convenient for them.

"We want to provide a community health service for people who may have symptoms and are concerned about the virus, while allowing them to stay at home and prevent the spread of illness," said Darryl Elmouchi, chief medical officer for Spectrum Health System, and president, Spectrum Health Medical Group. "The first step is to call to schedule a free virtual screening visit through our Spectrum Health Now service. The virtual screening visit will let people know if they need further evaluation."

Callers to the hotline will be

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COVID-19 CONTAINMENT

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A large crowd of mask-wearing commuters walk through Shinagawa Station in Tokyo, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The government has indicated it sees the next couple of weeks as crucial to containing the spread of COVID-19, which was discovered in China in late 2019.

NATION

Professional mountain biker from Colorado killed in crash

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — A professional mountain biker died after being fatally struck by a pickup truck this week in southwestern Colorado.

The Colorado State Patrol identified Benjamin Sonntag, 39, as the cyclist killed Wednesday, the Durango Herald reported.

Sonntag came to Durango from Germany and won multiple collegiate national championships for the cycling program at Fort Lewis College, where he graduated in 2010. Sonntag continued to race professionally and was sponsored by Team CLIF Bar where he most recently competed in Greece.

Sonntag was training for upcoming races in California when he was struck by a vehicle driven by a 19-year-old. Sonntag was pronounced dead on scene. Authorities noted he was wearing a helmet.

No charges were filed as of Thursday. The Colorado State Patrol agency declined to release further details.

Publisher cancels plans to release Woody Allen memoir

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen's publisher has decided to cancel the planned release of his memoir "Apropos of Nothing."

The announcement Friday by Hachette Book Group followed days of criticism focused on allegations that Allen sexually abused his daughter Dylan Farrow. On Thursday, dozens of Hachette employees staged a walkout.

"The decision to cancel Mr. Allen's book was a difficult one. At HBG we take our relationships with authors very seriously, and do not cancel books lightly," the publisher announced.

"We have published and will continue to publish many challenging books. As publishers, we make sure every day in our work that different voices and conflicting points of views can be heard."

Allen's book was scheduled to come out next month.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JH-KH-6C-3D-9H
Midday Daily 3
6-7-2
Midday Daily 4
9-6-1-0
Daily 3
6-6-0
Daily 4
7-0-4-8
Fantasy 5
01-07-15-24-28
Keno
03-04-12-13-19-21-24-25-26-28-41-43-49-50-52-56-59-61-75-77-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$70 million
Powerball jackpot
$100 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
08-13-26-31-39
Estimated jackpot
$105,000
Cash4Life
02-22-32-45-59, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
01-09-10-11-15-19-27-28-30-34-46-47-58-60-62-64-69-71-73-76, BE: 28
Daily Three-Midday
9-3-4, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
0-9-1, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
7-5-8-1, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
7-0-7-3, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
02-03-09-12-14-17-21-26-30-34-38-40-49-51-56-69-71-72-76-78, BE: 12

Illinois

Lotto
02-12-25-28-31-32, Extra Shot: 16
Estimated jackpot
$4.25 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-12-19-20-37
Pick Three-Midday
1-5-7, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
2-0-2, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
2-0-0-6, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
2-1-9-0, Fireball: 0
Lucky Day Lotto
04-06-29-31-39
Estimated jackpot
$200,000

– The Associated Press

WORLD

Great Barrier Reef enters crucial period in coral bleaching

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The Great Barrier Reef is facing a critical period of heat stress over the coming weeks following the most widespread coral bleaching the natural wonder has ever endured, scientists said Friday.

David Wachenfeld, chief scientist at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the government agency that manages the coral expanse off northeast Australia, said ocean temperatures over the next month will be crucial to how the reef recovers from heat-induced bleaching.

"The forecasts ... indicate that we can expect ongoing levels of thermal stress for at least the next two weeks and maybe three or four weeks," Wachenfeld said in a weekly update on the reef's health.

"So this still is a critical time for the reef and it is the weather conditions over the next two to four weeks that will determine the final outcome," he said.

Pope lets cardinal embroiled in abuse cover-up resign

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Friday accepted the resignation of a French cardinal who was convicted and then acquitted of covering up for a pedophile priest in a case that fueled a reckoning over clergy sexual abuse in France.

Lyon Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, 69, had offered to resign when the Lyon court in March 2019 first convicted him and gave him a six-month suspended sentence for failing to report the predator priest to police.

Francis declined to accept it then, saying he wanted to wait for the outcome of the appeal. He allowed Barbarin to step aside and turn the day-to-day running of the archdiocese over to his deputy.

In January, after an appeals court acquitted Barbarin, the cardinal said he would again ask Francis to accept his resignation. He said he hoped his departure would allow for the church in Lyon to "open a new chapter" with new leadership.

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Trump names Rep. Mark Meadows his new chief of staff

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Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., speaks with reporters on Jan. 29 during the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Friday named Rep. Mark Meadows as his new chief of staff, replacing Mick Mulvaney, who been acting in the role for more than a year.

Trump announced the staff reshuffle in Friday night tweets, saying Mulvaney would become the U.S. special envoy for Northern Ireland.

The long-rumored move makes Meadows, who announced he was not seeking reelection for his House seat from North Carolina, effectively Trump's fourth chief of staff since taking office in 2017.

The decision comes as the Trump administration has faced criticism for its handling of the novel coronavirus outbreak. Mulvaney had been leading the interagency response to the virus until Trump designated Vice President Mike Pence to lead the whole-of-government effort more than a week ago.

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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at a primary election night campaign rally on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Inside the 3 days that remade the Democratic primary

By JULIE PACE, THOMAS BEAUMONT and SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At Mike Bloomberg's midtown Manhattan campaign headquarters, a team of pollsters and analysts churned out multiple tranches of data each day on the state of the Democratic race. The sophisticated data operation was supposed to be the candidate's not-so-secret weapon, giving Bloomberg an almost real-time look at voters' preferences in key states and allowing the campaign to rapidly move around its vast resources.

But after Joe Biden's commanding victory in the South Carolina primary, the numbers moved too fast for Bloomberg's money to catch up. Voters were rapidly flocking to the former vice president – so quickly that poll results were outdated almost as fast as they landed in the Bloomberg team's inboxes.

"Even polls that were 24 hours old, 12 hours old were out of date," said Kevin Sheekey, Bloomberg's campaign manager.

Just three days after Biden's South Carolina victory, 10 more states confirmed what Bloomberg and other candidates were seeing: a stunning consolidation of support around Biden by a diverse swath of the Democratic electorate. Though Biden lost California, the night's biggest prize, to Bernie Sanders, he closed the gap there significantly, allowing him to emerge from Super Tuesday with a lead in the all-important delegate count.

The 72 hours between the South Carolina primary and Super Tuesday pulled Biden back from the brink of elimination and propelled him to the front of the race for the Democratic nomination. His resurgence is one of the most remarkable turnabouts in modern American politics, and sets up a head-to-head competition with Sanders over who is best to take on President Donald Trump in November.

Biden's comeback was aided by rivals who stepped aside and urged their supporters to back him; by deep connections, particularly with black voters, built up over four decades in politics that helped him overcome significant gaps in his campaign operations in key states; and a growing fear among more moderate Democrats that Biden was the party's last best hope to stop Sanders, a Vermont senator and self-described democratic socialist, from clinching the nomination.

This account of those three crucial days is based on interviews with a dozen campaign operatives and political allies of the candidates, some of whom insisted on anonymity in order to discuss internal deliberations.

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The morning after Biden's thunderous, 30-point victory in South Carolina, the Democratic presidential field descended on Selma, Alabama, to commemorate the bridge crossing where civil rights marchers were attacked in 1965.

One had already made a private decision to drop out of the race, and another was weighing whether to do the same.

Pete Buttigieg had spent Saturday night huddled in his hotel room at a Hampton Inn in Americus, Georgia, on a conference call with top aides. One by one, Buttigieg's aides gave their assessment: The road ahead was bleak.

On the late-night conference call, Buttigieg's advisers struggled to outline how he would emerge from Super Tuesday in solid position in the delegate count.

Buttigieg agreed with his team's assessment: It was time to get out.

Senior campaign advisers hurriedly made plans for a concession speech back in Indiana, while Buttigieg dutifully pressed on through his schedule of events on Sunday, including the march in Selma. Between events, he called supporters to let them know his campaign was ending.

Chris Cabaldon, the mayor of West Sacramento, California, was among those who received a call. The candidate seemed a little "shaken," Cabaldon said, but maintained he was comfortable with his decision.

"I think it was pretty clear he felt not just at peace, but he had a new mission," Cabaldon said.

Buttigieg also tried to reach Biden, but his team initially had the wrong telephone number. When the two men finally spoke, Buttigieg told the former vice president he was weighing an endorsement, but didn't make a firm commitment.

Guiding Buttigieg's decision was a conversation he had earlier Sunday night with Barack Obama. The former president, who has stayed stridently neutral throughout the primary, had long been a fan of Buttigieg, identifying him as one of the Democratic Party's next generation of leaders.

Obama congratulated Buttigieg on his campaign and counseled him on a possible endorsement, according to a person with knowledge of the call. Obama didn't push Buttigieg to endorse a specific candidate, but they talked through factors to consider.

By Monday morning, Buttigieg was ready to back Biden. His campaign quietly coordinated with Biden's campaign, which sent a private plane to South Bend to ferry Buttigieg to Dallas for an endorsement event.

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Sen. Amy Klobuchar was also among the candidates who gathered in Selma. After a surprise third-place finish in New Hampshire and a sudden infusion of cash, her campaign was struggling to keep pace with the campaign's intense primary calendar.

Klobuchar had spent Sunday morning talking with her own advisers about the path forward. The senator's home state of Minnesota was among those voting on Super Tuesday, and the campaign's internal polling showed Klobuchar ahead.

The way Klobuchar saw it, she had two choices: stay in to win Minnesota and relish in the glow of a home state victory, or drop out and help Biden win the state.

Klobuchar reached her decision in Selma, as she sat inside Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church.

"I was in that church in Selma that morning and I was thinking what is better here? What is better for our country?" she said on NBC's "Today Show." Klobuchar privately concluded she needed to step aside.

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For Biden, the three days between South Carolina and Super Tuesday were dizzying.

The campaign had been running on fumes through the opening months of the year. Disappointing finishes in the opening contests scared off donors, and the campaign's coffers were running perilously low.

But Biden appeared more at home in South Carolina, where his family had vacationed for years and where he had deep ties to state officials and voters. Ahead of the primary, he'd secured the endorsement of Rep. James Clyburn, the highest-ranking African American in Congress, whose backing for Biden had come with a dose of tough love about the ways the campaign needed to improve if Biden had any hope of securing the nomination.

Heading into the Saturday primary, Biden's campaign was hoping to pull out a win with a margin of victory in the double digits. Biden went on to carry the state by 30 points.

"This is the night Bernie Sanders began to unravel," Dick Harpootlian, a South Carolina state senator and longtime Biden backer, said at the victory party that night.

At campaign headquarters in Philadelphia, phones began to ring. Establishment Democrats who had held off endorsing and donors who had been sitting on the sidelines were suddenly expressing interest.

One of the centrist Democrats who had backed Biden in the lead-up to South Carolina was Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, whose state was among those voting on Super Tuesday.

When Kaine first announced his endorsement and appeared with Biden, he sensed that many voters in Virginia were still undecided. But the morning after Biden's South Carolina win, Kaine said the shift in his state was palpable.

"I had people just coming up to me saying, 'Hey, I saw that, I'm really glad you did that,'" Kaine said. "People were deciding late, and they were looking for how to figure this out."

On Super Tuesday, Biden's margin of victory in Virginia was about as large as it was in South Carolina. His campaign had just one office in the state and had spent less than $200,000 on television advertising compared with $12 million for Bloomberg.

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By the next morning, Bloomberg, too, would be out of the race.

He'd plunged more than a half-billion dollars into his primary campaign, but failed to win a single state.

The former mayor arrived at his midtown campaign headquarters by about 8 a.m. Wednesday for one last look at the data. He concluded that he, too, was getting out and endorsing Biden.

As coronavirus spreads, Medicare gets telemedicine option

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

Evan Vucci / AP

President Donald Trump holds up an $8.3 billion bill to fight the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S., Friday, at the White House in Washington after signing, as Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, looks on.

WASHINGTON — The coronavirus legislation signed by President Donald Trump on Friday would let Medicare expand the use of telemedicine in outbreak areas, potentially reducing infection risks for vulnerable seniors.

Coverage of telemedicine is now limited primarily to residents of rural areas facing long road trips for treatment from specialists. The bill would allow the government to waive those restrictions to help deal with the public health emergency created by the coronavirus outbreak.

It also could open the way for more lasting changes in Medicare's coverage of virtual health care, including Skyping with the doctor or using devices that beam over measurements such as heart rate.

"Telehealth is really instrumental in containing and treating disease, particularly in a public health emergency," said Megan O'Reilly, a lobbyist with AARP, the advocacy group for older people, which pushed for the telemedicine provisions. "For older Americans, this can help keep them safe."

Scientists tracking the global respiratory disease outbreak have documented that coronavirus takes a higher toll on older people, on patients with multiple chronic conditions, and on those with compromised immune systems. Death rates are higher among older patients, while younger people are more likely to get a milder form of the illness.

To be clear, seniors who suspect they may have COVID-19 – the illness caused by the coronavirus – will still have to get tested physically, whether at a clinic or their doctor's office.

Telemedicine cannot take the place of a swab of the throat to collect a sample for scientific testing. But it can help doctors make special arrangements to safely receive a patient who is sick and suspects the virus may be involved.

Perhaps even more important, telemedicine would offer a way for Medicare recipients in outbreak areas to take care of ongoing medical issues without having to go to the doctor's office and risk coming into contact with someone who is sick. Many seniors have several doctors' appointments every month.

Like the rest of the $8.3 billion coronavirus response bill, the telemedicine provisions were the result of a bipartisan effort by Democratic and Republican lawmakers in both chambers of Congress.

"This will give seniors greater access to their health care providers without leaving home," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a longtime telemedicine advocate who helped shoehorn the provisions into the coronavirus bill.

Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, has said she wants to find ways to focus government assistance on the people deemed most vulnerable. But her agency has not yet said how it would use its newly granted waiver authority.

To protect seniors from scams, the legislation requires that the doctor's office billing for a telehealth visit have an established, ongoing relationship with the patient.

And communication must take place through a two-way interactive video and voice link.

If telemedicine shows its worth in the coronavirus outbreak, that could lead to permanent changes making it more widely available to seniors. "While this law applies to the current public health emergency, we'll continue to work on expanding the use of telehealth so that every American has access," said Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, who also worked on the provision.

Medicare is the government's flagship health insurance program, covering about 60 million people age 65 and over, as well as younger people who qualify because of a disability.

Medicare Advantage plans offered by private insurers have been allowed to offer telemedicine as a supplemental benefit like dental coverage or a gym membership for several years now, said Gretchen Jacobson, vice president for Medicare at the Commonwealth Fund think tank.

Trump surveys tornado damage, marvels at 'tremendous heart'

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump on Friday toured a neighborhood reduced to rubble by a tornado earlier this week and marveled at "the tremendous heart" he witnessed. He also offered a message for survivors and those who lost family members: "We love them, they're special people," he said.

Trump assumed the role of national consoler as he traveled to Tennessee. Trump surveyed devastated communities in Putnam County, where a tornado tore a 2-mile-long path, killing 18 people, including five children under 13. Many more people were injured, some critically.

Statewide, the death toll stood at 24 from a pair of storms.

Trump was met upon his arrival by Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn and other top officials.

"It's been a painful, tragic week for our state," Lee said after surveying with Trump a street where eight people were killed.

The street was filled with debris where houses once stood. Limbs were crudely snapped from trees. A white laundry basket, chairs from a dining table, cinder blocks and a step ladder dotted the landscape.

Trump then met with survivors and volunteers at a local church filled with boxes of emergency supplies, pallets of water and tables filled with clothes.

"When you have those who lost somebody, that's a very tough situation," Trump said during the nearly 40-minute stop. "We are with you all the way."

He posed for pictures and shook hands with people before speaking to emergency personnel. "Nobody's seen what you had to go through," Trump said.

Such trips have become familiar for the president, who has visited numerous scenes of disaster and tragedy after hurricanes, mass shootings and wildfires during the past three years.

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Blueprints for the original World Trade Center are on sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Blueprints for the original World Trade Center are on sale at the New York International Antiquarian Book Fair after a Colorado man rescued them from the trash.

The set, which includes over 500 plans, is the largest for the Twin Towers ever offered for sale, according to the New York-based James Cummins Bookseller team. Cummins wouldn't disclose the price but said it is in the six figures.

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum said it does not have a full set of blueprints, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said it's unsure if it has one. Many documents were lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The blueprints first left New York in the 1970s when architect Joseph Solomon took them to Denver as a keepsake of his career, the Wall Street Journal reported.

His daughter, Amy Lee Solomon, threw the plans out in May 2018 while cleaning out her father's belongings after his death in November 2017, not realizing their potential value

Denver-area resident Jake Haas found what he thought were antique maps in the trash and stopped to collect them.

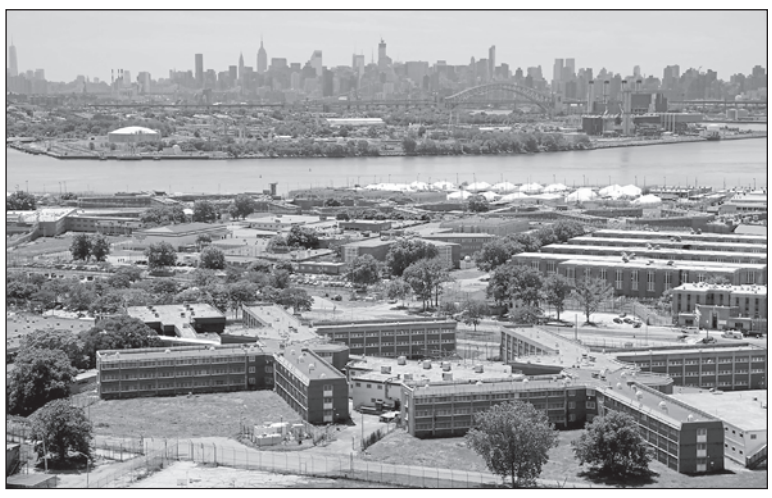
After seeing references to "Tower A" and "Tower B" Haas realized what the documents were and later sold the set to Angelo Arguello, who owns three pawnshops in the Denver area.

Arguello reached out to Cummins, which is handling the sale on a consignment basis, to ensure the blueprints get the exposure they merit.

Amy Lee Solomon said she is grateful that her father's contribution to a New York landmark is being acknowledged.

"This was the quintessential project of his life," she said.

The New York International Antiquarian Book Fair runs until Sunday and is held at the Park Avenue Armory in Manhattan.



Seth Wenig / AP

The Rikers Island jail complex stands in New York with the Manhattan skyline in the background. The nation's jails and prisons are on high alert about the prospect of the new coronavirus spreading through their vast inmate populations.

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to 40-60 years and had served 49 years. He was discharged from the Michigan Department of Corrections June 6, 2018.

■ Leonard Williams, 45, was 16 when on Dec. 10, 1990, he and other members of two gangs were exchanging gunfire in Benton Harbor and 15-year-old Tameka Swanson was caught in the crossfire and was fatally shot. He was re-sentenced Feb. 23, 2018, to 35-60 years and has served 28 years and 10 months.

■ David Clayton, 43, was 17 when on Aug. 31, 1994, he shot and killed Samuel Merriweather Jr., 16, as Merriweather rode a bicycle on May Street in Benton Harbor. He was re-sentenced June 7, 2018, to 30-60 years and has served 25 years.

■ Tommy Richards, 49, was 17 when, on April 20, 1987, he kidnapped, raped and killed 10-year-old Shimika Hicks in Benton Harbor. He was re-sentenced Feb. 18 to life without parole.

■ Anthony DePalma, 40, was 17 when he, along with his friend Mark Abbatoy concocted a scheme on May 7, 1997, to beat DePalma's mother, Connie DePalma, with a shovel to they could steal her car. She died in her Bridgman home from several blows to the head. Both teens were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life without parole. DePalma has had a Miller hearing and is awaiting re-sentencing. Abbatoy's hearing is set for later this month.

■ Christopher Tobar, 44, was 17 when he was sentenced to life without parole for the shooting to death of Paries Cummings in a Jan. 30, 1993, robbery in Benton Harbor. He has had his Miller hearing and is awaiting a judge's decision.

Berrien County's remaining juvenile-lifer cases yet to be heard are:

■ Efran Paredes Jr. was 15 when on March 8, 1989, he and accomplices robbed the Roger's Vineland supermarket when it was on Vineland Avenue in St. Joseph Township. Paredes was a part-time bagger at the store. A jury convicted him after hearing the prosecution's contention that Paredes entered the store after closing time, lured night manager Richard Tetzlaff into a back room, shot him four times, then took cash and checks.

■ Allan Martin Jr. was 17 when on the afternoon of Nov. 11, 1996, he shot and killed Darrell Piedt at Piedt & Sons gun shop in Benton Township during an armed robbery.

■ Anthony Givens was 17 when, on Dec. 2, 1996, he raped and beat to death 44-year-old Elizabeth Olsen in her home in Union Pier and attacked her companion, Joy Goldsmith.

■ Dequarius Stewart was 17 when, on Oct. 24, 2010, he killed a man outside a convenience store in Benton Harbor.

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Eliason and Daquarius Stewart, who were included because their cases were pending appeal. Eliason was 14 when he shot and killed his grandfather in Buchanan, and Stewart was 17 when he killed a man outside a convenience store in Benton Harbor. Eliason was re-sentenced last June by now-retired Judge Scott Schofield to 35 to 60 years, with credit for time served. He will be eligible for parole when he is 51.

Stewart's case is still pending.

In 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Miller decision retroactive, so Berrien County had to dust off its remaining 10 juvie-lifer cases for review. Prosecutors could file a motion for a Miller hearing, in which the prosecution could fight for a sentence of life without parole while defense lawyers could argue for a term of years.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic filed Miller motions in all 12 cases in Berrien, but in May 2017 withdrew the motion in the case of Bobby Griffin. He was 17 when, in October 1967, he killed Minnie Peaples. Griffin, who is now a free man at age 69, had served nearly 50 years.

"Based on the factors in the Miller case, my office could not reasonably argue for a continued sentence of life without parole," Sepic said.

Sepic also withdrew his motion for life without parole in the cases of David Clayton and Leonard Williams, who have both since been sentenced to a term of years.

But in the case of Tommy Richards, "we fought for life without parole." And that is what Richards got when he was re-sentenced recently by Berrien County Trial Court Judge Angela Pasula. Richards, at age 17, raped and killed a 10-year-old girl and dumped her body among trash in a vacant lot in Benton Harbor.

In Berrien County since 1980 there have been 36 juveniles who were charged with either first-degree premeditated murder, open murder or felony murder, all of which carried the mandatory penalty of life without parole. Sepic said of those 36, 12 were convicted of first-degree murder, 24 were found guilty or pleaded guilty to lesser charges, or the charges were dismissed.

Over the years, Sepic said, there have been a number of juveniles who have committed first-degree murder but who, because of the facts of the case and their circumstances, have been offered plea deals to lesser offenses. He said that in Berrien County, the harshest penalty in Michigan, life without parole, "has been reserved for some of the most heinous murders."

There are 360 people across Michigan who were 17 or younger when they were sentenced to life without parole, according to Sofia Nelson from the State Appellate Defender Office. She has handled most of the cases in Berrien County so far, including Richards' case.

Sepic said there are several factors a judge must consider at a re-sentencing hearing. Besides the facts of the case and the inmate's involvement, the court must consider the person's history as a youth, including family history, prior criminal involvement, mental health issues, school history and general relative maturity of the inmate as a youth. Conduct in prison since the original sentencing can also be considered.

The cases are to be heard by the original judge or his or her successor.

In the Miller case, the Supreme Court ruled that to be sentenced to life without parole, a juvenile must be irreparably corrupt, unable to be rehabilitated.

Taylor pointed out that Richards was caught in March 2019 having sex with his visiting girlfriend inside the prison, which is prohibited. He said that was an indication that he cannot control his impulses and is not rehabilitated.

Kimberly Thomas, a professor at the University of Michigan Law School, has written a brief on behalf of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, to be used in appeals of juvenile-lifer cases.

In it, she states that Michigan is a world leader in having the most children serving life without parole. She says there are vast differences in how prosecutors and judges in Michigan are interpreting the new law, and is asking the Michigan Supreme Court to provide uniform procedural guidance for the courts so that people who were sentenced to life without parole as juveniles all are given the same opportunity.

When the Miller case was decided in 2012, 28 states had mandatory life without parole and more than 2,500 people were serving that sentence for homicides committed when they were 17 or younger.

Pennsylvania had the highest number of juvenile-lifers, more than 500, and Michigan was second with 360.

Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Michigan accounted for two-thirds of juvenile-lifers in the nation, Thomas said.

As of January, 28 states either ban or have no one serving juvenile life without parole.

Of the 521 identified juvenile lifers in Pennsylvania, 454 have been resentenced, and as of January, 221 had been released from custody.

But, Thomas says, the new law is being applied differently in Michigan than in other states, and the life without parole sentence does not fall evenly on all defendants.

She said the Oakland County prosecutor is seeking life without parole for 44 of 49 juvenile lifers.

Sepic originally filed motions in all of Berrien County's 12 cases, but later withdrew four, and those defendants have been re-sentenced.

Thomas says there is no significant public safety risk to releasing juvenile lifers because the parole board will have evaluated whether they can be safely returned to society.

Thomas and Nelson believe it is fiscally irresponsible to incarcerate youths beyond the point at which it serves any legitimate purpose.

Further, Nelson said, it is costing the state $20,000 to $30,000 per case for lawyers to fight for a juvenile in a Miller hearing.

"It's not going at all as we expected," Nelson said. "Prosecutors in Michigan have sought life without parole in an extraordinary number of cases, when we expected it would be in very rare cases. I didn't expect it to be fought this hard. I think it goes against the spirit of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision."

The brief written by Thomas goes as far as to say that some courts in Michigan are operating in violation of the Miller decision, the Eighth Amendment and Due Process rights. It asks the Michigan Supreme Court to consider an automatic appeal of any re-sentence of life without parole for a juvenile lifer.

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scheduled for a virtual video visit and assisted with downloading the Spectrum Health Now app. During the virtual video visit, people will be asked a series of questions about their condition by a Spectrum Health provider who will advise whether they need to seek additional care.

The patient may select the caregiver of their choice if they need further evaluation. It is not necessary to be a Spectrum Health patient to use the service, according to the news release.

To be tested, people can call the Spectrum Health COVID-19 hotline at (616) 391-2380.

Those experiencing severe or life-threatening symptoms should call 911.

For more information about COVID-19, including information on symptoms and prevention, visit www.spectrumhealth.org/covid19.

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together.

Practicing even the most simple hygiene, such as washing hands, is not a given in such environments. Hand sanitizer is often treated as contraband because it contains alcohol.

Inmates go in groups to court, where they wait together in cramped holding areas. Many are poor, meaning that when they're released they often must get on public buses or trains to get home.

Reports of illness spreading in a jail are fairly common, and occasionally outbreaks of influenza have required quarantine. Most often, the numbers of inmates who come down with the flu at the same time don't climb higher than a couple of dozen, but there have been exceptions. In 2013, an outbreak of the stomach flu at Cook County Jail in Chicago, the largest single site jail in the U.S., prompted the quarantine of 700 inmates.

"We are used to dealing with this kind of thing like flu outbreaks that a lot of places aren't," said Brad Curry, the chief of staff for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, which operates the jail.

After the swine flu outbreak in 2009, which infected hundreds of prisoners across the country, most prison systems did create pandemic preparation plans.

Before worries of the coronavirus, the Philadelphia Prisons Department had a medical quarantine for inmates coming into its system, which houses about 4,600 inmates. New detainees go through a medical screening and are segregated for at least 10 to 14 days while they wait for the results of any medical tests, said James Garrow, a spokesman for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

The screening has since been updated to include COVID-19, not only in Philadelphia, but also in Dallas, Houston, Miami, Chicago and other cities. No prisons have yet obtained the medical kits to test for the virus, however.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has instituted a new screening tool that includes question about whether inmates or staff members have traveled through any risk countries, had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or been deployed to areas with the virus within two weeks. The tool, obtained by The Associated Press, also looks to assess possible symptoms, including fever, cough and shortness of breath.

But only about 175,000 of the nation's more than 2 million incarcerated people are detained in federally run facilities. The rest are held in hundreds of prisons, jails and immigration detention centers around the country.

Local city and county correctional facilities bear the brunt of screening incoming prisoners because those facilities are often the first stop while someone awaits court hearings or arraignments on local, state or federal charges.

Local corrections officials realize they're on the front lines of possible outbreaks and are working on protective measures.

In New York City, the Department of Correction is cleaning and sanitizing cells, common spaces, showers and transport buses more regularly. Anyone sick at Rikers Island, the notorious New York City jail where Harvey Weinstein is being held, is screened and could be sent to an area hospital or the department's communicable disease unit.

In Miami, any newly arrested person suspected of having the virus will be diverted to a hospital, said Corrections and Rehabilitation Department spokeswoman Dominique Moody. She said the department has also secured space for a medical quarantine for any of the 3,900 inmates already in custody if it becomes necessary.

Prison staff are being trained in many facilities on how to recognize symptoms and are being given supplies for protection, such as masks, gloves and eye protection. Officials in Philadelphia, meanwhile, are working to secure more money to cover costs if city employees, including jail guards, need to stay home sick.

The precautions have extended outside prison walls to the legal community. Throughout the country, criminal attorneys are meeting with clients via video conference and exercising caution over how they handle and exchange legal documents with inmates.

San Antonio-based attorney Joseph Hoelscher said several judges there have encouraged attorneys to postpone routine courthouse appearances for cases that are not nearing trial to avoid having to bring prisoners to the courthouse.

"We are not going to any jails," he said. "That would be the first population where it would spread. And they would get the worst medical care."

In New York City on Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Colleen McMahon quietly ordered all inmates at the nearby federal jail to be screened for fevers, and said they should not appear in court if they have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

SH PLAN

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bike lanes on both sides of Monroe Boulevard; an 8-foot wide paved trail along the top of the bluff, extending from St. Basil Church Park south to Orchard Street; seating areas; retaining walls to protect the bluff from erosion; designated paths leading from the top of the bluff to the lake; stroller and wagon parking for people with young children; and a bike rack.

Maybe of more importance is the portion of the plan that addresses the bluff itself.

Erosion, caused by high-water levels on Lake Michigan over the past several years, is occurring at the bottom of the bluff. It hasn't affected the top of the bluff – yet.

To ensure stability of the bluff, the plan calls for two clearly marked designated roped off paths leading to the beach to prevent use of the many paths that have been made on the dune's slope over the years. By reducing the number of paths to two, erosion can be mitigated.

"These barriers, coupled with informational signage about the fragile nature of dune plant and animal life, will help locals and visitors alike to become stewards of this natural resource," Edgewater Resources wrote in its proposal for mitigating erosion of the bluff.

The plan also highlights two areas along the bluff's slope where invasive plant species will be removed and replaced by native dune species to help with stabilization of the dune.

"The Monroe Bluff Beach Management plan was put in place with the idea of if you can manage the access from the top of the bluff, you can decrease the erosion potential at the toe of the bluff," said Deb Davidson, city communications director, grant writer, and Downtown Development Authority director.

To offset the cost of the improvement plan for Monroe Boulevard Bluff, the city has the option of applying for two $300,000 grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and the federal government's Land & Water Conservation Fund, administered through the DNR.

If by chance both grants are approved, the state would choose which one to award to the city, according to City Manager Brian Dissette.

Council members are expected to vote on whether to apply for the grants following the March 16 public hearing.

Back in 2015 when the city bought the four privately owned parcels along the bluff, the DNR's trust fund contributed a $650,000 grant toward the $800,000 purchase price.

Virus cases top 100,000 cases as economic impact snowballs

By ANGELA CHARLTON and MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

Ebrahim Noroozi / AP

Firefighters disinfect a traditional shopping center to help prevent the spread of the new coronavirus in northern Tehran, Iran, Friday. A Health Ministry spokesman warned authorities could use unspecified "force" to halt travel between major cities.

PARIS — Crossing more borders, the new coronavirus hit a milestone Friday, infecting more than 100,000 people worldwide as it wove itself deeper into the daily lives of millions, infecting the powerful, the unprotected poor and vast masses in between.

The virus, which has killed more than 3,400 people, edged into more U.S. states, emerged in at least four new countries and even breached the halls of the Vatican. It forced mosques in Iran and beyond to halt weekly Muslim prayers, blocked pilgrims from Jesus' birthplace in Bethlehem and upended Japan's plans for the Olympic torch parade.

As financial markets dived again, repercussions from the virus also rattled livelihoods in the real economy.

"Who is going to feed their families?" asked Elias al-Arja, head of a hotel owners' union in Bethlehem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where tourists have been banned and the storied Church of the Nativity was shuttered.

At the White House, President Donald Trump signed a $8.3 billion bill to fight the coronavirus a day after Italy said it would double its virus fight spending to $8.5 billion.

In Geneva, the U.N. health agency said it had received applications for 40 possible virus tests, had 20 vaccine candidates in development and reported that numerous clinical trials of experimental drugs for the new coronavirus were under way.

"We're all in this together. We all have a role to play," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, chief of the World Health Organization, urging more global cooperation from the business world and solidarity with the poorest.

Yet even as COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, reached 90 countries, more than half of those who contracted the virus have now recovered. It's retreating in China, where it first emerged, and in nearby South Korea.

Questions swirled around whether Iran could control its outbreak, as the number of reported infections jumped beyond 4,700 on Friday, with 124 deaths. Iran set up checkpoints to limit travel and had firefighters spray disinfectant on an 11-mile stretch of Tehran's most famous avenue.

"It would be great if they did it every day," grocery store owner Reza Razaienejad said. "It should not be just a one-time thing."

The 100,000 figure of global infections is largely symbolic, but dwarfs other major outbreaks in recent decades, such as SARS, MERS and Ebola. The virus is still much less widespread than annual flu epidemics, which result in up to 5 million annual severe cases around the world and from 290,000 to 650,000 deaths annually, according to WHO.

But the epidemic's economic impact snowballed, with world stocks and the price of oil dropping sharply again Friday.

The travel decline and a broader economic downturn linked to the outbreak threatened to hit already-struggling communities for months. In response to plummeting demand, German airline Lufthansa announced a reduction of its capacity in coming weeks to as much as 50 percent of pre-coronavirus outbreak levels. Slovakia banned all flights to and from Italy.

The head of the U.N.'s food agency, the World Food Program, warned of potential for "absolute devastation" as the outbreak's effects ripple through Africa and the Middle East. India scrambled to stave off an epidemic that could overwhelm its under-funded, under-staffed health care system, which lacks enough labs or hospitals for its 1.3 billion people.

"We're seeing more countries affected with lower incomes, with weaker health systems and that's more concerning," WHO chief Ghebreyesus said.

White collar workers can log onto laptops from home, but health care workers, waiters, delivery workers, cashiers, drivers, museum attendants and others can't. And sick leave policies or health insurance coverage are inconsistent around the world, putting millions of workers' earnings at risk. In the U.S. the AFL-CIO labor federation urged the government to issue emergency regulations outlining employers' responsibilities to protect workers from infectious diseases.

The fear and the crackdowns that swept through China are now shifting westward, as workers in Europe and the U.S. stay home, authorities vigorously sanitize public places and consumers flock to stores for household staples.

Nation after nation put some travel restrictions into place, blocking visitors from hard-hit areas like China, South Korea, Italy and Iran. The United Nations' top climate change official said her agency won't hold any physical meetings at its headquarters in Germany or elsewhere until the end of April.

French Health Minister Olivier Veran said children would be banned from visiting patients in hospitals and other health facilities across the country and that patients would be limited to one adult visit at a time. Spanish officials announced a month-long closure of 200 centers in and around Madrid where the elderly go for daytime care and activities.

"The Western world is now following some of China's playbook," Chris Beauchamp, a market analyst at the financial firm IG, said of the reaction to flu-like illness that for most people causes mild or moderate symptoms such as fever and cough but can hit elderly or sick people much harder.

Off California's coast, the spectacle of a Grand Princess cruise ship ordered to stay at sea with passengers confined to their cabins as 45 people were tested for the virus was eerily similar to a scene on the other side of the globe in which about 700 of the 3,700 aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship were infected during a quarantine.

Thailand on Friday blocked a separate cruise ship from docking, worried because it carried dozens of passengers from Italy, which with 148 virus deaths is the center of Europe's epidemic.

In the U.S. the number of cases surpassed 230, scattered across 18 states. The University of Washington announced Friday it would stop holding classes and teach students online, a decision affecting some 57,000 students. The state has at least 70 confirmed COVID-19 cases, most in the Seattle area and the highest U.S. state death toll at 13.

China reported 143 new cases Friday and South Korea had 505 more cases, down from earlier daily tallies. But the numbers kept growing in Europe and the death toll in hard hit Italy reached 197. Serbia threatened to deploy the army to keep the virus at bay, and Hungary used virus fears to tighten its doors against migrants.

In Switzlerand, officials reported 210 new virus cases on Friday, up from 90 a day earlier, and the military was being readied to provide support services at hospitals.

"This wave will come, it will rise, but it will be over at some point," said Daniel Koch, head of the department for communicable diseases at the country's Federal Office of Health.

EU blasts Turkey for 'organized' migrant attack on Greece

By COSTAS KANTOURIS and ELENA BECATOROS
Associated Press

Felipe Dana / AP

A migrant climbs a fence during clashes with the Greek riot police at the Turkish-Greek border in Pazarkule, Edirne region, Turkey, Friday.

KASTANIES, Greece — Clashes between Greek riot police and migrants attempting to cross the border from Turkey erupted anew Friday as European Union foreign ministers criticized Turkey for using migrants' desperation "for political purposes."

Greek riot police used tear gas and a water cannon in the morning to drive back people trying to cross its land border with Turkey. Turkish police fired volleys of tear gas back toward Greece in an ongoing standoff between Ankara and the EU over who should care for migrants and refugees.

Similar clashes erupted later Friday, and fires were burning on the Turkish side of the border which Greek officials said were lit by migrants. At other times the area was calm.

Thousands of refugees and other migrants have been trying to get into EU member Greece in the past week after Turkey declared that its previously guarded borders with Europe were open. Following months of threats, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said last week that his country, which already houses more than 3.5 million Syrian refugees, would no longer be Europe's gatekeeper.

His move alarmed EU countries, which are still enduring political fallout from a wave of mass migration five years ago.

Greek authorities said they have thwarted more than 38,000 attempted border crossings in the past week, and arrested 268 people – mostly Afghans and only 4 percent Syrians.

Erdogan has demanded that Europe shoulder more of the burden of caring for refugees. But the EU insists it is abiding by a 2016 deal in which it gave Turkey billions in refugee aid in return for keeping refugees on its soil.

Erdogan spoke with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on the phone Friday, telling her the Turkey-EU migration deal is no longer working and needs to be revised, according to his office.

EU foreign ministers, meanwhile, met in Zagreb, Croatia on Friday to discuss the Greece-Turkey border situation and events in Syria, where Turkish troops are fighting. Erdogan has cited a potential new wave of refugees from Syria as part of his reasons for opening the border.

The ministers acknowledged Turkey's role in hosting millions of migrants and refugees, but said the EU "strongly rejects Turkey's use of migratory pressure for political purposes. This situation at the EU external border is not acceptable."

In a joint statement after the emergency meeting, the ministers expressed "full solidarity with Greece, which faces an unprecedented situation." They said the EU was determined to protect its external borders.

The EU's border agency Frontex said Friday it will deploy 100 more guards to the Greek land border. It already has 509 officers in the country. It will also provide two more boats, three aircraft, one helicopter and three more thermal imaging vans to help police Greece's land and sea borders.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said the ministers urged Turkey to stop falsely telling migrants that the EU border is open.

"Encouraging refugees and migrants to attempt illegal crossing into European Union is not the way for Turkey to push for further support from the European Union," he said.

The push to the Greek border, which began last week, has appeared organized by someone, with buses, minibuses and cars ferrying people from Istanbul.

Mohammad Omid, an Afghan who has been at the border for five days with his wife, said Turkish police told him to go to there.

"We don't know what is happening," he said in the border town of Edirne. "We are like a ball to them. Everyone passes us to this side and the other side. I don't know what will happen to us."

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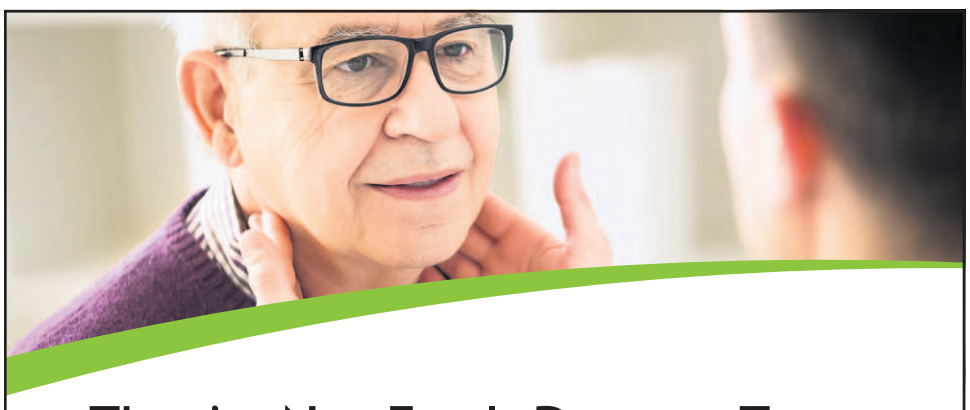

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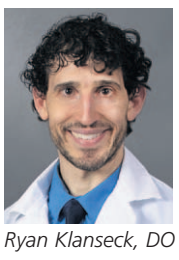

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

After listening to three years of discussions on whether to relocate, rebuild or remodel City Hall, the public welcomed the St. Joseph City Commission's 3-1 decision to build a new city hall. The commission plans to buy and build on land, owned by St. Joseph Attorney Elden Butzbaugh, on the southeast corner of Main and Broad streets. Commissioner Benjamin Butzbaugh, brother of Elden, abstained from the vote.

35 years ago – 1985

Four St. Joseph High School students, under the supervision of artist Ken Saathoff, have designed two triptychs, "River and Wood," which have been installed in the refurbished lobby of Riverwood Community Mental Health Center, St. Joseph.

Four advanced art students – Sharon Ward, Ann Polamaro, Gary Wiedman and Rob Burkhart – were chosen to help design canvases to reflect a contemporary river and wood theme in shades that coordinate with Riverwood's lobby.

50 years ago – 1970

Union Memorial AME Church is launching a new service in the Twin Cities called "Daily Care," which involves a volunteer placing daily calls at an appointed time to check on the well-being of elderly or handicapped persons who live alone, according to the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, temporary chairman of the Daily Care Committee. Telephone reassurance services have started across the country after a Saginaw woman was found by a friend after eight days of lying on the kitchen floor following a stroke.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, March 7, the 67th day of 2020. There are 299 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a U.S. patent for his telephone.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft ordered 20,000 troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the Mexican Revolution.

In 1912, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen arrived in Hobart, Australia, where he dispatched telegrams announcing his success in leading the first expedition to the South Pole the previous December.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Clear	Partly Cloudy	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Scattered Rain
45°	37°	53° / 46°	52° / 43°	45° / 35°	43° / 34°

Local Outlook

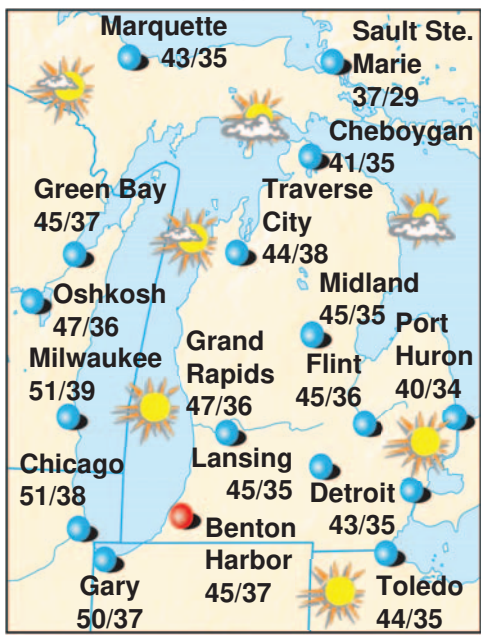
Today we will see sunny skies, high of 45°, humidity of 48%. South wind 3 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 37°. South wind 10 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 53°, humidity of 50%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	6:43 p.m.
Moonrise	4:16 p.m.
Moonset	6:11 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
3/9	3/16	3/24	4/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	34°
Low	26°
Normal High	42°
Normal Low	26°
Record High	71° in 2009
Record Low	-2° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.02"
Month to date	0.06"
Normal for month	0.47"
Year to date	4.98"
Normal Year to date	3.64"

Air Quality

Yesterday	33
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

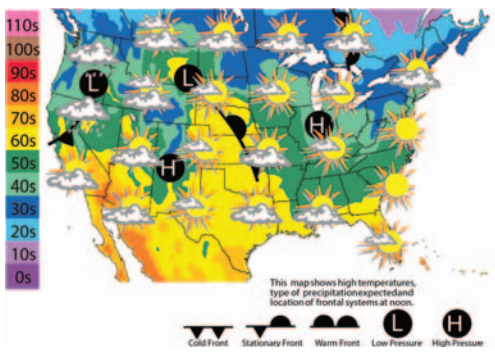
Weather Trivia

What is the lowest barometer reading ever measured?

Answer: It was 25.63 inches, in the middle of a Typhoon named Tip.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 7, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 5 to 13 kt. Sunny. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 14 to 17 kt. Mostly clear. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. South southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 40s and 50s. South southwest wind 7 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 40s. South wind 3 to 14 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 50s. South wind 11 to 15 mph.

Watchdog faults U.S. land agency sending jobs out West

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A U.S. government watchdog agency said Friday that 81 Bureau of Reclamation employees have declined to relocate to Western states or left their positions as the Trump administration pursues a broad reorganization of the bureau's headquarters staff.

The Government Accountability Office issued a report that faulted the administration for failing to follow key reform practices such as involving employees and stakeholders in its plans.

The bureau has about 10,000 employees, and most are already in field offices in the West with only about 400 in Washington, D.C. The Interior Department said last year it planned to move about 300 of them to the West.

The transfers are part of the Trump administration's decision to create a new national headquarters in Grand Junction, Colorado. The bureau oversees nearly 388,000 square miles of public land, 99 percent of it in 12 Western states.

Out of 170 bureau staff who received relocation notices, 90 accepted, 81 declined or left their positions and eight fell into other categories, the GAO found.

About 130 positions already were vacant when the relocation was announced.

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Raul Grijalva said the GAO investigation showed the administration was trying to drive out staff and destroy the bureau's ability to carry out its mission.

In response, Bureau of Land Management spokeswoman Megan Crandall said the relocation was "commonsense" and would better position officials to serve the public and allow multiple uses of public lands.

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BERRIEN COUNTY

About $1 million to be saved when bonds are refinanced

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Some Berrien County property owners will see a reduction in the drainage assessments on their property taxes next year as the bonds are refinanced this spring, saving them around $600,000.

In addition, the municipalities of Coloma and Berrien Springs are expected to save almost $500,000 when the bonds they took out on water and sewer system projects are refinanced.

In all, more than $1 million will be saved, said Berrien County Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin.

Berrien County commissioners approved the reissuance of the bonds for Coloma and Berrien Springs at their Thursday meeting. They are expected to consider approving the reissuance of the bonds on five drainage projects at their next meeting.

Quattrin said after the meeting that the county basically cosigns the bonds so the municipalities and drainage districts can get lower interest rates.

"This partnership has saved residents a lot of money," he said.

The drainage districts that are expected to be refinanced are the Smith & Strong Drain, Lakeside Drain #287, Estates Drain #613, Hibbard Lake Drain #223 and the Blue Jay Drain #046.

On Jan. 13, officials from Municipal Financial Consultants showed that the five drainage districts would save $564,909 if the bonds had been reissued on that date. Since then, Quattrin said interest rates have gone even lower, meaning even more savings.

He said the exact savings will be known when the bonds are sold later this spring.

Cat update

Commissioners also heard from Berrien County Animal Control Director Tiffany Peterson, who said that she received enough donations since the county's Feb. 20 meeting to pay for the anesthesia machine her department needs for the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program she wants to start.

At the February meeting,

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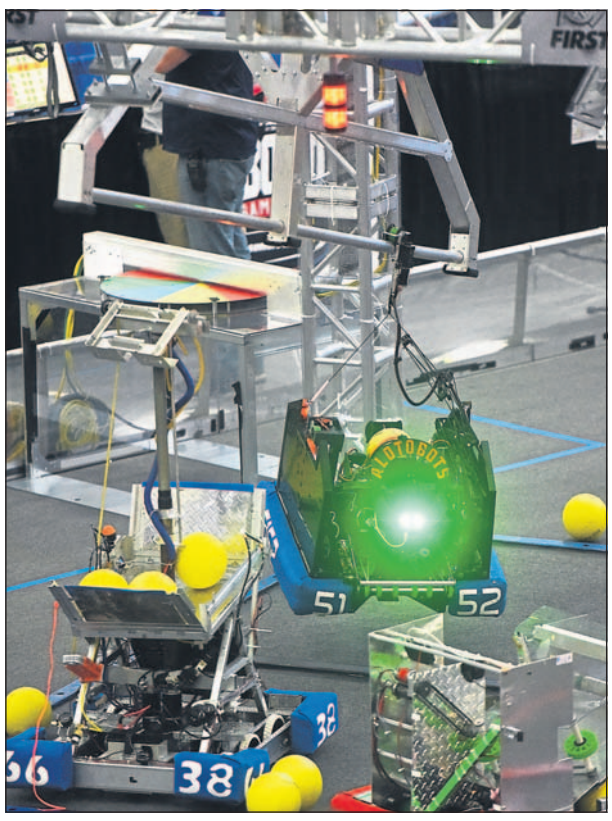
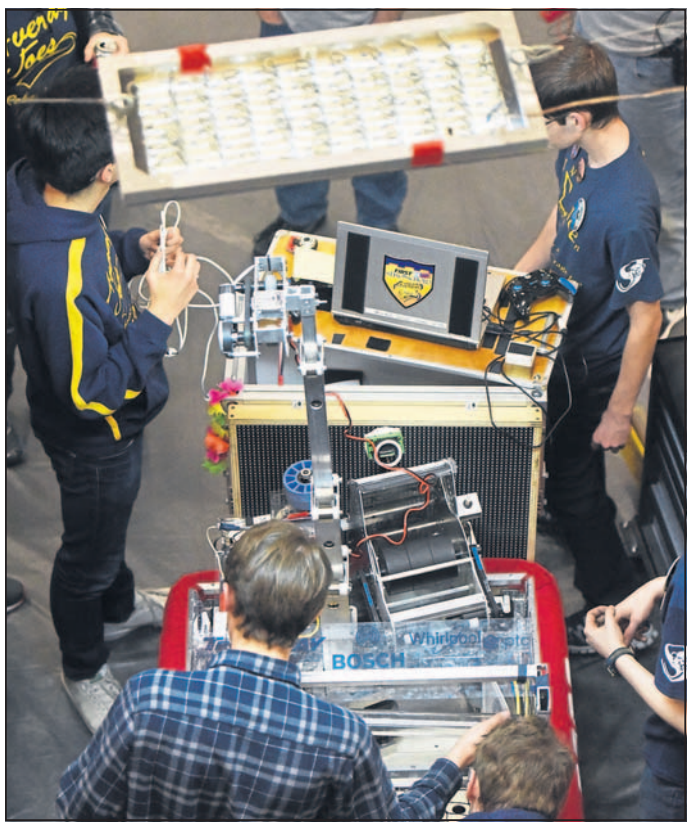
✦ FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION ✦

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

High school teams compete in qualification matches Friday during the FIRST in Michigan District Robotics Competition held at St. Joseph High School. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) teams create, program and market robots to make their way through a variety of obstacles on an enclosed course. Competition continues today with playoff matches scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.



Teams remotely maneuver robots on an obstacle course during qualification matches Friday in the FIRST in Michigan District Robotics Competition held at St. Joseph High School.



ABOVE: A robotics team member walks past a projection Friday during the FIRST in Michigan District Robotics Competition held at St. Joseph High School.

LEFT: St. Joseph High School's Average Joes 3620 work on their robot in between qualification matches Friday.

The do's and don'ts of recreational marijuana

Ask a Cop

LT. JULIE FLICK
Berrien County Sheriff's Department

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

When the dispensary in Niles started selling recreational marijuana in January, there was talk that the police were pulling people over down the road that day after they bought recreational marijuana. If that's true, I would assume it would be similar to a police officer waiting near a bar to stop people they suspect of drunk driving? Do police officers actually do this? If someone is following all traffic laws and driving safely, can they be singled out and stopped because they MIGHT be doing something illegal based on where they just came from?

Elizabeth, St. Joseph

Elizabeth, thank you for your question. I contacted our patrol supervisor in the Niles area to see if he has heard any concerns from the public after the opening of the recreational marijuana facility in Niles. He told me that he hasn't been contacted and is not aware of any issues about officers stopping people in the area of the dispensary.

Officers cannot stop vehicles just because they have left a marijuana dispensary. With the passage of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, adults over the age of 21 may possess marijuana legally, so even if you are stopped down the road from leaving a dispensary, your possession of the marijuana purchased is legal.

Now is a great time to remind readers of the basic regulations concerning possession and use of recreational marijuana.

You must be 21 years of age to use or possess recreational marijuana. When outside of your home you may possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana. It should be kept in a sealed and labeled container. In your home you may possess up to 10 ounces of marijuana and it must be kept in a secure, locked location.

Adults over 21 years old may cultivate up to 12 marijuana plants in their home. They must also be kept out of the view of the public and must be in a secured, locked area. You may possess up to 15 grams of cannabis concentrate. When smoking marijuana you must do so in private, it cannot be in a public place without special permits being obtained first.

And it is very important to remember not to smoke or use marijuana or cannabis products before or while you are driving. Also, passengers in a vehicle may not smoke marijuana. If you are caught driving high, the penalties are similar to driving under the influence of alcohol. Remember to be smart and know the laws before purchasing or using marijuana.

EAU CLAIRE

School district residents to consider non-homestead millage renewal

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

EAU CLAIRE — Eau Claire school district residents will have more to vote on than just presidential candidates Tuesday.

They will also be asked to approve a six-year renewal of the district's non-homestead operating millage.

The current millage expires with the 2020 tax levy. The millage request on the ballot Tuesday will run from 2021 to 2026.

Residents are being asked to approve a levy of 19.01 mills on all properties except people's principal residences. The Eau Claire district covers the Eau Claire area in Berrien County as well as a small part of nearby Cass County.

The district can levy a maximum of 18 mills on non-homestead properties in any year, so this increase protects again future Headlee rollbacks. The levy is expected to raise an estimated $520,000 in 2021.

Superintendent Ann Shell noted that the non-homestead millage levy is necessary in order for the district to collect the full per pupil foundation allowance from the state.

"For 2019-2020, the district collects $8,111 per student in foundation allowance," she said. "This is made up of about $693 per pupil in local non-homestead property tax. The balance is $7,418 per student in net state aid foundation."

If the millage is not renewed, the district would lose about $520,000 or about 8.5 percent of its foundation allowance, according to Shell.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Unlawful use of vehicle

Nicholas C. Ridge, 29, of Timber Drive, Coloma, 30 days in jail, credit for 15 days served, $938 in fines and costs, $54 in restitution, 90 days on tether and 18 months probation for unlawful use of a motor vehicle Dec. 4, 2019, in Bainbridge Township.

Demarion W. Perry, 22, of East May Street, Benton Harbor, 50 days in jail, credit for 50 days served, and $1,498 in fines and costs for unlawful use of a motor vehicle June 13, 2019, in Benton Township.

Drugs

Bradley S. McGregor, 56, of West John Beers Road, Stevensville, 120 days in jail, credit for 49 days served, $2,038 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Jan. 7 in Royalton Township.

Mayquon S. Morrison, 26, of Columbus Avenue, Benton

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Man gets 15 years in prison for 2002 homicide

CHARLOTTE (AP) — A man who is one of three people charged in the 2002 slaying of a Michigan man has been sentenced to at least 15 years in prison.

The charred remains of Robert Caraballo weren't identified until 2015, years after they were discovered in a foot locker in a blueberry field, 90 miles away from Eaton County.

Christopher McMillan pleaded guilty in October to second-degree murder and was sentenced Thursday. He's expected to help prosecutors in the case against two co-defendants, Beverly McCallum and her daughter Dineane Ducharme.

McCallum was married to the victim. She was recently captured in Italy and is facing extradition to the U.S.

Investigators said Caraballo was attacked and suffocated in the basement of a house in Charlotte. McMillan will be eligible for parole after serving 15 years in prison.

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she told commissioners that she had applied for a $5,000 grant for the necessary equipment for the program. But she said Thursday that after a story ran in The Herald-Palladium about the need, donations started pouring in.

"The community was receptive," she said during the board's administrative committee meeting. "I've gotten a lot of phone calls and I still have a little bit of money coming in which will help because I didn't realize I had an autoclave in my building."

She said an autoclave is needed so equipment can be sterilized after medical procedures are done. But she said it hasn't been serviced since 1992 and she's uncertain how much it will cost to get it operational.

She said that eight veterinarians have agreed to volunteer their time on Sunday mornings to spay and neuter the cats, with the work being done at Berrien County Animal Control on Euclid Avenue.

She said the idea behind the TNR program is to humanely trap stray cats, spay or neuter them, and then return them to the location where they first showed up. She said that if they aren't returned to their original location, a new colony of unaltered cats will take over and keep breeding.

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IN BRIEF

Malcolm Turnbull presentation postponed

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan announced Friday that its next speaker presentation is postponed.

TURNBULL

Former Australian Prime Minister will not speak to the club on March 18 at the Mendel Center due to the the unfolding global situation surrounding the coronavirus and travel advisories.

The Mendel Center is working to reschedule as soon as possible and will notify ticket holders when more details and a new date are available. There is nothing ticket holders need to do in the meantime.

The postponement also applies to the pre-speaker dinner and discussion event scheduled for the same evening.

4-H club announces cat show

PAW PAW — The Young Explorers 4-H Club has announce that it will hold an indoor Cat Show on March 14, 2020, at the Van Buren County Building, 801 Hazen St., Paw Paw.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. and include categories for breed class, showmanship, cage decoration, cat entrepreneur project, and cattitude (a cat form of agility).

Local cat rescues will be on-site and adoptable cats will compete in the best 'foster cat' division. Adults may also enter and show their cats. There is no admission charge for the public.

For more information, contact Denise Noble at 303-5407.

Benton Harbor City Commission sets special meeting

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor City Commission will hold a special meeting Wednesday night to grant four medical marijuana provisioning center licenses.

The city has received 11 applications for four licenses. It has interviewed each of the applicants, and will vote on granting licenses at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 200 E. Wall St., Benton Harbor.

Companies hired to design, build Great Lakes tunnel

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Enbridge Inc. said Friday it has hired companies to design and build a disputed oil pipeline tunnel beneath the channel linking Lakes Huron and Michigan, despite pending legal challenges.

The Canadian company is forging ahead with plans to begin construction work next year on the tunnel, which would replace twin pipes that have lain across the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac in northern Michigan since 1953.

State Attorney General Dana Nessel is appealing a Michigan Court of Claims ruling last October that upheld an agreement between Enbridge and former Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's administration to drill the tunnel through bedrock beneath the straits. The case is before the state Court of Appeals, which declined to put the lower court ruling on hold while considering the matter.

Nessel, a Democrat, also has filed a separate lawsuit seeking to shut down Enbridge's existing Line 5 pipes.

But the company believes its success in court thus far creates "a path forward," spokesman Ryan Duffy said.

"We feel like it's time now for Enbridge and the state to work together and keep the project moving," he said.

Enbridge, based in Calgary, Alberta, planned Friday to provide a status report to the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority during a meeting in St. Ignace, Michigan. The panel was established by the law that approved the tunnel agreement.

Great Lakes Tunnel Constructors, a partnership between Jay Dee Contractors Inc. of Livonia, Michigan, and the U.S. affiliate of Japan-based Obayashi Corp., will build the tunnel. Arup, a multinational engineering company based in London, will design it, Enbridge said in a statement.

Line 5 each day carries 23 million gallons of crude oil and natural gas liquids used for propane between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario. A roughly 4-mile segment divides into two pipes that run beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

Environmental groups want the line decommissioned, contending the underwater pipes are aging and vulnerable to a rupture that could do catastrophic damage to the lakes and their shorelines. Enbridge says they're in good condition and sustained only minor damage from a tugboat anchor strike in 2018.

For Love of Water, an advocacy group, argued that Enbridge had failed to seek authorization for the project through the Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act as required under a common-law doctrine that holds navigable waters and soils beneath them in trust for public uses.

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Harbor, 23 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 126 days served, and $198 in costs for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine; and a concurrent term of 18 months to 5 years and $68 in costs and forfeiture of a pistol for possession of a firearm by a felon July 23, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Joseph W. Carrington, 31, of 28th Avenue, Bangor, 90 days in jail, credit for 8 days served, and $1,698 in fines and costs for maintaining a drug vehicle Dec. 3, 2019, in Benton Township.

Assault

Javonte L. McFarland, 29, of River Terrace, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 270 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence, second offense, an assault on a woman; and interfering with an electronic communication device, July 7, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Tampering with tether

John Robert-Andrew Skally, 34, of Division Street, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail and $198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether, Nov. 2, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Larceny/theft/embezzlement

Christopher R. Kelley, 32, of LaPorte, Ind., 1 year in jail, $198 in costs and $710 in restitution for larceny in a building July 23, 2018, at a pole barn in Three Oaks Township.

Nicholas S. Scalf, 20, of Holland, 10 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, and $198 in costs for stealing or retaining without consent a financial transaction device Oct. 11, 2019, in New Buffalo; and a concurrent term of 10 days, $1,878 in fines and costs, $500 in restitution, 45 days on tether and 18 months probation for two counts of stealing or retaining without consent a financial transaction device Oct. 11, 2019, in New Buffalo Township.

Dawn F. Payne, 54, of South 13th Street, Niles, 5 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, $1,018 in fines and costs, 80 hours community service and 2 years probation for embezzlement between $1,000 and $20,000 Sept. 20,2019, at Universal Stamping Inc. in Sodus Township while employed there.

Sex offenses

Edgar Orozco-Estrada, 32, of Plimpton, Benton Harbor, 4-15 years in prison, credit for 63 days served, $198 in costs and $408 in restitution for third-degree criminal sexual conduct; and a concurrent term of 63 days and $68 in costs for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct Sept. 11, 2019, in Royalton Township.

Michael A. Parnell, 50, of Pearl Street, Benton Harbor, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $818 in fines and costs, 100 days on SCRAM tether and 1 year probation for failure to register as a sex offender April 24, 2018, in Benton Township.

Other

Darian C. Tucker, 30, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., 180 days in jail, credit for 116 days served, $1,758 in fines and costs, $2,448 in restitution and 5 years probation for aggravated indecent exposure Feb. 9, 2019, at a house in Watervliet.

Niles

Drugs

Neil C. Bennett, 48, of Cass Street, Niles, 57 days in jail, credit for 57 days served, and $198 in costs for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, Dec. 2, 2019, in Niles.

Tampering with tether

Austin A. Jarman, 22, of North Fifth Street, Niles, 60 days in jail, $198 in costs and $547 in restitution for tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether, July 29, 2019, in Niles Township.

Jacob N. Schram, 23, of St. Joseph Avenue, Niles, 45 days in jail and $198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether, Nov. 22, 2019, in Niles Township.

Austin C. Rosenthal, 27, of South Third Street, Niles, 60 days in jail, $198 in costs and $547 in restitution for tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether, Nov. 26, 2019, in St. Joseph.

Larceny

Alexis S. Robertson, 18, of Broadway Street, Niles, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $498 in costs, 180 days on tether and 2 years probation for larceny from the person Oct. 3, 2019 in Niles.

Joseph M. Duis, 34, of South 13th street, Niles, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $778 in fines and costs, 60 days on tether and 18 months probation for attempted larceny in a building Nov. 28, 2019, in Niles Township.

Other

Walter J. D. Ullery, 26, of South 13th Street, Niles, 131 days in jail, credit for 131 days served, $838 in fines and costs, $100 in restitution, 18 months probation and driver's license suspended for 90 days for unlawful use of a motor vehicle Aug. 9, 2018, in Niles Township.

Valerie R. Robertson, 40, of Broadway Street, Niles, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, $898 in fines and costs, $7,052 in restitution, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for attempted uttering and publishing a false, forged, altered or counterfeit check between Sept. 28 an Oct. 28, 2019, in Niles.

Justin D. Maike, 37, of South Bend, 120 days in jail, credit for 62 days served, $898 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for first-degree retail fraud Aug. 25, 2019, at Walmart in Niles Township.

Brandi R. Rohrer, 25, of Elkhart, Ind., 120 days in jail and $258 in costs for receiving/concealing stolen property, a motor vehicle, Dec. 3, 2019, in Niles Township.

Gary L. Reese, 65, of Granger, Ind., 11 days in jail, credit for 11 days served, $825 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for indecent exposure between June 2011 and December 2016, at a house in Niles Township.

OBITUARIES

Anne L. Smith

Oct. 1, 1926 – Feb. 20, 2020

Anne L. Smith, 93, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of Fishers, Ind., formerly of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph passed away Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020.

Anne was born Oct. 1, 1926, in Benton Harbor, to the late Leo L. and Ruth V. Reist. She retired from the Berrien County Board of Health where she worked in a secretarial position. Previously, she worked at LECO in St. Joseph.

Anne and Norman were married in Pocatello, Idaho, on May 13, 1943. They would have been married 77 years this May. They spent WWII in Dawson Creek, B.C., where Norman was a weather observer for the U.S. Army Air Corp. They returned to their home in Benton Harbor, where they spent many wonderful years with family and friends.

Anne was a cancer survivor and after retirement worked as a volunteer at Lakeland Community Hospital in the breast cancer outpatient clinic. She was an avid reader and was reading a novel the week that she passed away. She loved to travel; she and Norman traveled the country and took multiple trips to Europe with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Anne is survived by her husband, Norman Jay Smith; children, Randall Jay (wife, Diana Kay) Smith and Susan Ann (partner, Kathy Wade) Smith; grandchildren: Christopher Jay (wife, Susie) Smith, Colin Todd (wife, Jenn) Smith, Parker Jay (wife Jalene) Smith, Amy Sue (husband, Tom) Schulte and Stacy Lynn Godfroy; great-grandchildren, Taylor and Carly Smith, Vaeda, Nolan and Fletcher Smith, Annley, Campbell and Laker Smith, Lucy and Stella Schulte and Courtney, Morghan, Kramer and Raylan Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please visit flannerbuchanan.com to sign the online guest register.

JoAnne Carolyn (Ausen) Hackbarth

May 20, 1946 – March 4, 2020

JoAnne Carolyn (Ausen) Hackbarth was received into the hands and arms of her loving Savior on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

JoAnne was born on May 20, 1946, in Pipestone, Minn., to Holger and Opal (Opheim) Ausen. She was baptized and confirmed at Rose Dell Trinity Lutheran Church. After attending a one-room country school, JoAnne graduated from Jasper High School (Minn.) and began attending Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn. Following work in The Cities, JoAnne married Richard Hackbarth on Jan. 27, 1968, moved to Lansing, Mich., and worked at Oldsmobile Corp. Next came a move to Wisconsin where she became the church secretary at St. John's Mayville. Her college education was then completed at Concordia University in Wisconsin. Moving to St. Joseph in 1995 found her working at Whirlpool Corporation.

JoAnne volunteered at Caring Circle (Hospice at Home) for almost 10 years, was active in Bible classes and loved sharing time with her grandchildren. She loved to sing by participating in choirs during college and church life. The highlight of her traveling/camping days was a cruise to Norway, celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 609 Court St., St. Joseph, with Pastor Michael Roth officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. Friends may visit before the service from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

JoAnne is survived by her husband, Richard; children, Richard (Tracey) Hackbarth, Kirstin (Roger) Meier and Rebecca (Bill) Sitas; nine grandchildren: Abigail (Jimmy) Champeau, Thomas Hackbarth, Samuel Hackbarth, John Hackbarth, Karah (Mike) Zhou, Reidun Meier, Kathryn Sitas, Naomi Sitas and Leah Sitas; one great-grandchild, Madalyn Champeau; siblings: David Ausen, Jan (Tony) Stadler, Carol (Roland) Klindworth, Marilyn (John) Laulainen, Orrin (Leslee) Ausen and Eileen (Paul) Karow; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn.; St. John's Lutheran, Mayville, Wis.; or Trinity Lutheran, St. Joseph. Those wishing to share a memory online may use www.starks-menchinger.com.

Erich Norris

April 2, 1952 – March 4, 2020

Erich Norris, 67, of Benton Harbor passed away Wednesday evening, March 4, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, at Zion United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Dr., St. Joseph, with Pastor Adam Bohland officiating. Burial will follow the service in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens in Niles. Friends may visit with the family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to the Berrien County Youth Fair, Zion United Church of Christ – St. Joseph or the Berrien County Cancer Services. Thoughts may be shared with the family online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Erich was born on April 2, 1952, in Niles, to Robert and Irene (Kerlikowske) Norris. He started his education at National School, a one-room schoolhouse in Berrien Center. He attended with his sister, Connie Hughey, until the school closed in 1964. It was the same one-room schoolhouse his father attended through eighth grade. He went on to graduate from Berrien Springs High School. Erich continued his education by earning his bachelor's degree in animal nutrition from Michigan State University. He was a huge supporter and fan of the school. He also had a graduate degree from North Dakota State University. He loved the Dakotas and enjoyed a few years as a cowboy there.

Erich was a farmer and cowboy at heart. He spent most of his life on his family farm with his father, Robert Norris, in Berrien Center, raising cattle, hogs, grains and Michigan certified seed. He was one of the very first breeders of Chianina Cattle in Michigan. In addition to his career as a farmer, Erich was also a realtor in Lansing and Southwest Michigan and a truck driver with Tri-Campbell Trucking in North Dakota.

He shared his farming knowledge as an agriculture teacher for eight years at Southwestern Michigan College, was a professional livestock and horse judge, and was always active in the Berrien County Youth Fair and 4-H. He won many awards, including outstanding 4-H leader, and was the chairman of the Handicapped Riding 4-H program.

In addition to his love for animals, Erich was a history buff and avid reader. He had a passion for the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln and Native American history, specifically the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians. He also enjoyed hunting deer and turkey and fishing the inland lakes. He volunteered at the Heddon Museum in Dowagiac, which celebrates the sport of fishing.

Erich was an active lifelong member of Zion United Church of Christ – St. Joseph, a Commander with the American Legion Post 85 in Berrien Springs and an active member of the D.A.N.K. Chapter 13 Club in Benton Harbor. Erich had many passions, but nothing was more important than family.

Erich is survived by his father, Robert; sister, Connie (Richard) Hughey of Niles; niece, Alison (Dennis) Clifford (and their children, Kellan, Hugh and Shane) of Chicago; nephew, Richard (Kirsten) Hughey of Niles; and many cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Norris in 2012.

Thomas Joseph Mikula

July 9, 1935 – Feb. 25, 2020

Thomas "Tom" Mikula of Sturgis, Mich., passed away peacefully in his home on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at the age of 84.

Tom is survived by his lovely and devoted wife of 57 years, Michelle; his four sons and their wives: Christopher (Tobey) of Red Feather Lakes, Colo., Michael (Kathleen) of South Bend, Ind., Gary (Cynthia) of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Terrance (Melanie) of Kenosha, Wis.; and his sister, Janet Carnevale of Plymouth, Mich. He is also survived by his 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Don Carnevale.

The son of Michael and Jennie Mikula, Tom was born July 9, 1935, in Detroit. While attending St. Casimir School, Tom worked and played on the baseball team. From 1957-1959, he served in the U.S. Army, patrolling the border between Germany and Czechoslovakia. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Tom returned to Detroit and worked for the Burroughs Corporation. While carpooling to work, he met Michelle Miller, who became the love of his life. On Oct. 6, 1962, they were married at Duns Scotus Monastery in Southfield, Mich.

Tom's career led them to Patterson, N.J., where their son, Christopher, was born. They moved back to the Detroit area to live in Allen Park, where their sons, Michael and Gary, were born. In 1970, they moved to Three Oaks, where their son, Terry, was born. They lived in Three Oaks for 27 years while Tom worked for Sandvik Steel.

The quintessential family man, Tom enjoyed being at home with Michelle and his four boys. The Mikula house was the neighborhood gathering spot. Tom and Michelle regularly hosted get-togethers with the neighbors, impromptu meals for their sons' friends and famous Fourth of July gatherings. Always ready to lend a hand in his community, Tom coached Little League, served on the River Valley School Board and volunteered and served as a lector for St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

In 2002, Tom retired from Sandvik Steel. Tom and Michelle moved to a home on Lake Templene in Sturgis. While there, Tom and Michelle continued to host family gatherings, Boy Scout camp-outs and parties to celebrate family milestones. Tom and his sons spent many hours fishing and Tom enjoyed many spectacular sunsets and star-filled evenings with his family.

Tom was known for his kind and generous spirit and his great faith. Tom will be missed by his loving family and dear friends.

A Memorial Mass will be held for Tom at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Clare Catholic Church in Centerville, Mich. There will be an opportunity to visit with the family after the Mass. Expressions of sympathy on behalf of Thomas Mikula may be made to The Christ Child Society of South Bend, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624, christchildsb.org, or the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 520 Crescent Ave., South Bend, IN 46617, svdpsb.org.

Death notices

David Cook, 79, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died March 5, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Stanley Ray Downey, 63, of Dowagiac died March 4, 2020 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

John David McIlroy, 47, of Berrien Springs died March 4, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Patricia (Riley) Owen, 89, of Dowagiac died March 4, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Siegfried Rath, 79, of Bridgman died March 3, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Anne L. Smith, 93, of Fishers, Ind., formerly of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph died Feb. 20, 2020. Flanner Buchanan Funeral and Cremation, Carmel, Ind., (317) 848-2929.

Dorothy Eileen Tschirhart, 97, of Grand Haven, Mich., formerly of St. Joseph died March 5, 2020, at home. Klaassen Family Funeral Home, Grand Haven, (616) 842-9495.

Ricky Lee McDonald

Nov. 16, 1958 – Feb. 20, 2020

Ricky Lee McDonald, 61, of Benton Harbor went to be with the Lord Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, March 7, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Ricky was born Nov. 16, 1958, in Hughes, Ark., and was previously employed as a security guard at the Benton Harbor Area Schools until his time of departure. Ricky was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all.

Ricky leaves precious memories in the hearts of his daughters, Teniqua Bridgman and Sheba Moss; son, Ricky Bridgman; sisters, Alice Hartfield and Delores McDonald; brothers, Alvin (Lois) Walls; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three aunts; two uncles; and a host of nephews, cousins, family, friends and loved ones.

Ricky was preceded in death by his mother, Cora Lee; father, Caesar McDonald Jr.; and one niece.

Paul Pecoraro

April 1, 1920 – Feb. 28, 2020

Paul Pecoraro, 99, of Riverside passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, 32 days shy of his 100th birthday.

Dad was born April 1, 1920, in Benton Harbor, to John and Josephine (Valenti) Pecoraro. He was the youngest of seven children. He attended Hagar No. 6 until high school and then began working on the family farm. Dad served in the United States Army during World War II in 1945, stationed in Italy. He retired from Whirlpool Corporation in June 1981 after 30-plus years of service.

He was an avid hunter in Michigan, Colorado and Wyoming. Dad loved fishing, especially here on Lake Michigan and Lake Erie. Due to Dad's love of outdoors, he took us kids camping to Perch Lake in the U.P. and Ely Lake in Allegan. Dad was able to spend many winters in Florida. He was a former member of the Hedgehopper Remote Control Flying Club. Dad loved flying RC planes but would never fly on a plane.

He is survived by his children, Paul (Bette) Pecoraro, Mike (Margaret) Pecoraro and Susan Lodyga; grandchildren: Jon, Jenny, Toni, Jamie, Joey and David; and great-grandchildren: Alex, Zach, Ella, Nathan and Ethan.

He was preceded by his parents; siblings; children's mother, Margaret; and his son-in-law, Joseph Lodyga.

A Mass, Burial and Celebration of His Life will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Soldiers and Sailors Fund through the Berrien County Courthouse. Arrangements have been entrusted to Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes, 926-9440. Those wishing to sign Paul's guest book may do so at www.purelycremations.org.

Dad was one of a kind and will truly be missed.

Liam Carter Wilbur

Liam was born sleeping with a smile on his precious face March 3, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

He was the cherished son of Cain and Kaelee (Rickman) Wilbur and little brother to Claire. Liam is also survived by five grandparents: Bert Wilbur, Anita Forker, Jennifer Hall, Kevin Donovan and Mary Clayton; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who were looking forward to his arrival.

Liam's short life will be celebrated at noon on Monday, March 9, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet, with visitation prior starting at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Watervliet Cemetery. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Liam's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Boeing hit with 61 safety fixes for astronaut capsule

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Boeing faces 61 safety fixes following last year's botched test flight of its Starliner crew capsule, NASA said Friday.

NASA has also designated December's aborted space station mission as a serious "high-visibility close call" that could have destroyed the capsule – twice.

In releasing the outcome of a joint investigation, NASA said it still has not decided whether to require Boeing to launch the Starliner again without a crew, or go straight to putting astronauts on board.

"At the end of the day, what we have got to decide is ... do we have enough confidence to say we are ready to fly with a crew or do we believe that we need another uncrewed testing."

DOUGLAS LOVERRO
Human Exploration and Operation Chief, NASA

Douglas Loverro, NASA's human exploration and operation chief, told reporters that Boeing must first present a plan and schedule for the 61 corrective actions. Boeing expects to have a plan in NASA's hands by the end of this month.

Loverro said the space agency wants to verify, among other things, that Boeing has retested all the necessary software for Starliner.

"At the end of the day, what we have got to decide is ... do we have enough confidence to say we are ready to fly with a crew or do we believe that we need another uncrewed testing," Loverro said.

Boeing's Jim Chilton, a senior vice president, said his company is ready to repeat a test flight without a crew, if NASA decides on one.

"'All of us want crew safety No. 1," Chilton said. "Whatever testing we've got to do to make that happen, we embrace it."

Loverro said he felt compelled to designate the test flight as a "high-visibility close call." He said that involves more scrutiny of Boeing and NASA to make sure mistakes like this don't happen again.

Software errors not only left the Starliner in the wrong orbit following liftoff and precluded a visit to the International Space Station but they could have caused a collision between the capsule and its separated service module toward the end of the two-day flight. That error was caught and corrected by ground controllers just hours before touchdown.

"We could have lost a spacecraft twice during this mission," Loverro said.

Engineers are still analyzing an unrelated communication problem that prevented flight controllers from getting commands to the capsule.

NASA hired Boeing and another private company, SpaceX, to develop capsules to ferry astronauts to and from the space station.

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Employees work inside Amazon's 300,000-square-foot sorting center in Kent, Wash.

Online shopping surges as coronavirus spreads, raising concerns about delivery workers

By BENJAMIN ROMANO
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — For gig-economy drivers working to serve a coronavirus-driven surge in demand for delivery, last weekend was a frenzied rush as shoppers placed grocery orders and some systems appeared overwhelmed, at least temporarily. Volumes also were abnormally high early this week.

E-commerce delivery, which has grown rapidly in the past two decades, could take on an even bigger role with a population that appears increasingly uneasy about going out in public.

While many physical retailers were jammed and running out of items including toilet paper, medicines, water and bananas, other shoppers sought to avoid the stores altogether, relying instead on services such as Amazon and Instacart.

As the outbreak worsens, more people may turn to e-commerce, analysts and survey data suggest.

"Delivery might be much better than going to a store, both for society and for individuals," said Karan Girotra, a professor of operations and technology at Cornell University. "But it means that delivery workers will be at the front line of this challenge."

More than 27 percent of 1,121 U.S. internet users surveyed by Coresight Research in late February said they were already avoiding public places such as shopping centers and entertainment venues, while 58 percent said at the time they would do so if the outbreak worsened.

That should bode well for e-commerce companies, said Tom Forte, analyst and managing director at investment firm D.A. Davidson. But it also poses challenges to supply chains and delivery networks.

"The challenge for Amazon, for GrubHub, for everyone is what if your workforce gets sick?" Forte said.

The contract workers who handle a large and growing share of deliveries are not like a traditional employed workforce that may be more loyal and willing to step up in difficult times. They don't get health-insurance benefits or paid sick days.

E-commerce companies "have less control if a lot more people are going to start buying online (and) they need to ramp up their capacity," Girotra said.

The platforms may need to change their protocols or offer protective equipment, already in short supply around the globe, to attract more workers to deliver to a population in self-quarantine, he said.

In many cases, drivers can leave deliveries on the doorstep without interacting with the customer, but sometimes they must check identification or obtain a signature. Some drivers have begun using hand sanitizer before and after ID checks, while some customers are applying disinfectant to grocery bags, said a gig-economy driver, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals from the companies he works for.

"People are definitely changing their behaviors a little bit," he said. "But in the gig world, the money's there and it's good (particularly) when this kind of stuff hits."

Gig-economy platforms use algorithms to set prices for discrete jobs, depending on demand. He said Amazon was offering more than normal in recent days, particularly for some grocery delivery routes. Tips from customers can be more of a mixed bag.

"I've got an Instacart batch for 43 things and it's got a $5 tip on it," the driver said, looking at his phone and declining to take that shopping trip Monday afternoon. "People just don't get that there's humans doing that shopping for them and don't adjust accordingly."

The driver said Uber, Lyft and Instacart had provided some guidance on how to respond to the coronavirus, largely in keeping with recommendations of public health officials, and admonishing drivers not to discriminate based on race or national origin.

Amazon had provided no communication to people using its Flex program, in which individuals sign up to make deliveries for a set price, one carload at a time, the driver said.

Amazon did not respond to a request for comment. Instacart said in a statement that customer demand surged in recent days, and the company is following recommendations "to ensure we're operating safely with minimal disruption to our service, while also taking the appropriate precautionary measures to keep teams, shoppers and customers safe."

The driver said an Amazon delivery station in Tukwila, Wash., which sends out Amazon grocery orders, was running hours behind Feb. 29, with drivers standing around waiting for their delivery routes. Amazon has been warning customers that its Prime Now and Amazon Fresh delivery services had limited availability.

"It was just a complete meltdown," the driver said, adding that the situation seemed to improve as last weekend went on, and delivery routes out of other area Amazon facilities were not so far behind schedule. He was concerned that late deliveries stemming from these demand surges would be marked on his record.

Forte said he was notified by Amazon over the weekend that a regularly scheduled shipment of ibuprofen wouldn't be arriving with his subscribe-and-save order, and that the company didn't know when its stocks would be replenished.

"After a call to customer service, where the rep attributed the shortage to the coronavirus outbreak, we discovered all the alternatives were also unavailable," Forte wrote in a note to investors.

Pharmacy chain Bartell's said it was scrambling to replenish supplies of over-the-counter medications, hand sanitizers, disinfectants and anti-bacterial sprays.

Girotra said most products in short supply appear to be a result of panicked shopping rather than actual supply constraints. However, he warned, panicked buying and hoarding can kick-start a cycle that leads to real supply limitations.

U.S. consumer borrowing up a moderate $12B in January

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer borrowing slowed in January as borrowing on credit cards declined following a huge surge in December.

The Federal Reserve said Friday that consumer credit rose by $12 billion following a $20.3 billion surge in December. The December number reflected the biggest increase in borrowing on credit cards in two decades.

However, in January, credit card use fell by $3.04 billion following the revised gain of $11 billion in December.

The category that includes auto loans and student loans increased $15.1 billion in January. That was up from a $9.2 billion gain in December and was the strongest increase since August.

Consumer borrowing is closely followed for clues it can give about the willingness of households to go into debt to support their spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

The current economic expansion, now in a record 11th year, has been powered by consumer spending, which has helped to offset weakness in such areas as business investment and trade.

Spring cleaning for your small business

Small business owners have a multitude of responsibilities to tend to every day.

Naturally, as they focus on what's most important in the moment, some tasks will either fall through the cracks or pile up. Over time, that can cause distraction and hurt a business's efficiency and effectiveness.

If you're discovering that what's left undone is thwarting your productivity, why not commit to fitting time into your May schedule to do a little "spring cleaning" for your business.

Here are several suggestions to help you give your business a breath of fresh air this spring. Most are small changes, but they can make a big difference in your ability to focus clearly:

Free up space on your computer's hard drive by deleting files/documents you no longer need. Pay particular attention to your "downloads" folder. If you need to maintain files and documents within it, save them to other folders that are appropriate for them.

Reduce clutter at your workstation by doing two things:

Review the pile of business cards you've collected at networking events, and connect with those people on LinkedIn. Then dispose of the cards in the trash.

If you have vendors' brochures and the other marketing literature laying around for future reference, consider bookmarking their website addresses instead so you can learn more about them later – and then throw away the paper collateral.

Purge your email inbox and folders of messages you've already responded to or that are no longer relevant.

Create a Word document or Excel spreadsheet to store all the blog topic ideas that have popped into your head. That way you'll have a central place where you can capture your creativity and pull topics from when you need them.

Consider backing up all of your files with an automated cloud-based file storage solution. There's nothing like peace of mind to help improve focus.

Also take a fresh look at your business plan and update anything that's no longer accurate or relevant. This may take more time than the other suggestions, but it's something every entrepreneur should do regularly in good times and bad.

Likewise, review your marketing strategy to assess what's working and what isn't.

A little spring cleaning now can help you maintain focus on managing your business more effectively in all seasons.

For more guidance on navigating the many demands of entrepreneurship, reach out to your local SCORE chapter to talk with mentors knowledgeable in all aspects of starting and growing a business.

Call the local branch at 269-925-6100 or visit www.swmi.score.org to request SCORE help with your business.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

Farmland preservation workshop for Berrien

BENTON HARBOR — A workshop called "Agricultural Preservation: Options to Protect Your Farmland" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on March 25 at the Michigan State University Extension Office, 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor.

The meeting is free, but space may be limited. To attend, register by calling the Berrien Conservation District at 269-471-9111 ext. 3, or the Berrien County Farm Bureau at 269-473-4701 by March 23. A free lunch sponsored by the Berrien County Farm Bureau will be provided after the presentations.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with presentations to start promptly at 10 a.m.

The workshop is for farmers, and landowners will provide information regarding county and state programs on easements and farmland preservation.

Speakers are Jarrod Thelen from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, who will present on the state's Farmland Preservation Program; Katie Montoya from Berrien County Community Development will talk about the Berrien County Purchase Development Rights Program; and Ryan Postema from Chikaming Open Lands will discuss options to preserve farmland with a land conservancy.

Restricted use pesticide workshop available

BENTON HARBOR — A restricted use pesticide review workshop for private and commercial applicators will be held Thursday at the Berrien County MSU Extension office, 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor.

Registration, along with refreshments, begin at 8:30 a.m. The pest management review will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The pesticide applicator core manual is available online for $30 at the MSU Extension Bookstore at http://shop.msu.edu/category_s/345.htm. A fee of $25 covers the review session given by MSU Extension staff.

To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/BerrienMarchRUPReview.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

UFCU names mortgage advisor

BERRIEN SPRINGS — United Federal Credit Union appointed Stephanie Martinek as mortgage advisor at its Berrien Springs branch.

As mortgage advisor, Martinek is responsible for generating product awareness to credit union members regarding their real estate financing needs.

Martinek has 10 years of experience in the credit union industry, starting out as a member service advisor at United in 2010. She has worked in real estate since 2012, serving as a real estate and home equity specialist, as well as a mortgage loan originator at Honor Credit Union.

She holds a bachelor's degree in English with minors in business, psychology and sociology from Western Michigan University.

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Best way to use your tax refund

Millions of Americans can't wait to get their tax refunds, but this year it might be wise to save that windfall rather than spend it.

As of Feb. 21, the average refund this tax season was $3,125, according to the IRS. At the start of tax season, the average refund was $1,869. And as more folks filed their returns, the average refund has steadily increased week over week by more than 67 percent.

One of the most frequent questions I get from people about their refund is about how fast they can get it. With direct deposit, it won't take very long. The IRS says it issues nine out of 10 refunds in fewer than 21 days.

While you're waiting, if you have a question about your refund, use the "Where's My Refund?" tool available at irs.gov. You can also download the "IRS2Go" app to check your refund status, or call 800-829-1954 for an automated update.

You can start checking the status of your refund 24 hours after the IRS has received your e-filed return or four weeks after mailing a paper return. Once your return is processed and your refund approved, "Where's My Refund?" will provide a date when you can expect to receive your money.

You may be anxious about the status of your refund, but the IRS says its customer service representatives won't be able to update you unless it's been 21 days or more since you e-filed or it's been six weeks since you mailed your return.

An overwhelming majority of Americans getting a refund said the money is important to their overall financial situation, with 11 percent indicating they need the funds to pay day-to-day expenses, according to a recent survey by CreditCards.com.

Michelle Singletary

Among Americans expecting tax refunds this year, 24 percent said they'd use it to pay down debt. Thirty-one percent plan to save the money, which is smart given the economic uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus.

There's been a lot of focus on the stock market reaction to the coronavirus. The significant drops in the various investment benchmarks have workers worried about their retirement accounts. But far more people may be impacted in their everyday financial lives.

"Everyone is talking about how to manage their retirement fund, but few are talking about other large financial decisions," one reader wrote during my weekly online discussion. "Should people hold off on large purchases?"

If you are already financially stretched, don't use your tax refund to buy anything that's not a necessity right now.

Perhaps your refund was going to be "fun" money. I would nix that, too. With the spread of the coronavirus, you might also hold off on using the money for a vacation or that big-screen television you might have been eyeing – especially if you're in an industry that could see a downturn as a result of the outbreak. Fewer people may be out shopping or eating at restaurants.

A few thousand dollars from a tax refund could go a long to pay some bills should your income drop because you become ill or have to be quarantined. If schools are closed but you still need to head into the office, you could use the cash to pay for daycare.

I'm not trying to scare you, but you should be asking: How will I manage if my employer decides to impose a furlough and force me to take leave without pay? What if I run out of paid sick leave?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to employers to "actively" encourage workers to stay home if they're sick. The CDC is recommending that employers ensure that their sick leave policies are flexible.

"Employers should be aware that more employees may need to stay at home to care for sick children or other sick family members than is usual," the CDC said. "Talk with companies that provide your business with contract or temporary employees about the importance of sick employees staying home and encourage them to develop non-punitive leave policies."

The CDC can ask, but how likely is it that the vast majority of employers will be so accommodating? Will they give folks all the time off they need with pay?

And while I'm an advocate for aggressively paying down debt, put a pause on that, too. For example, don't use your refund to make extra credit card payments, because you may need that cash for rent or to pay your car loan.

A lot of serial refund recipients view this money as a forced savings strategy. If that's you, this year that lump sum could come in extra handy in the event that the coronavirus infects your income.

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Ask the Fool

Overdue for a Split?

Q Why hasn't Amazon.com split its shares recently? Is it due for a split soon? — *G.K., Ocala, Florida*

A The company "went public," issuing shares on the stock market for the first time via an initial public offering (IPO), back in May 1997. It split its stock three times soon after, splitting 2-for-1 in 1998 and 3-for-1 and 2-for-1 in 1999. In the 20-plus years since then, there have been no splits. In early March, its shares were trading around $1,954.

But the number of shares a stock has isn't too significant on its own. Two companies may each have a market value of $50 billion, with one having 1 billion outstanding shares priced at $50 apiece, and the other having 250 million shares priced at $200 apiece. A company's market value is far more meaningful than its number of shares. And Amazon's market value has soared, recently topping $1 trillion.

It won't be surprising if Amazon splits its shares in the coming years, if only to make them more affordable for average investors. If you wanted to invest $1,500 in Amazon and shares are trading for $2,000 apiece, you couldn't afford a single share. But if, say, the company split its shares 20-for-1, shareholders would suddenly have 20 shares for every share they owned pre-split, and those shares' prices would be reduced proportionately (leaving the total value of their holdings unchanged). In such a split, shares costing $2,000 pre-split would sell for around $100 post-split — and someone with $1,500 could afford to buy 15 shares.

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Q What's the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC)? — *T.L., Mankato, Minnesota*

A It's a federal agency that insures benefits in private traditional pension plans. Learn more at **PBGC.gov**.

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The Stock Market Has Plunged — Now What?

In late February, the United States stock market took a bunch of blows, as — among other things — investors worried about the impact of the novel coronavirus on the world economy. The S&P 500 was down more than 10% at one point, and may be down more by the time you're reading this.

It's jarring to see investments plunge in value by 10%, 20% or even more. (The U.S. stock market, as measured by the S&P 500 index, dropped a whopping 38% in 2008!) But should you freak out? Not if you're a long-term investor. Remember — this is how the stock market works. Indeed, since 1950, the S&P 500 has dropped by 10% or more dozens of times. It tends to happen every couple of years.

Sometimes such events are short-lived; other times they mark the beginning of a recession that can last several years. Still, every decline in the past has been followed by an eventual recovery, and the stock market has gone on to hit new highs.

Superinvestor Warren Buffett has explained why savvy investors aren't rattled by market downturns: "If you expect to be a net saver during the next five years, should you hope for a higher or lower stock market during that period? Many investors get this one wrong. Even though they are going to be net buyers of stocks for many years to come, they are elated when stock prices rise and depressed when they fall. In effect, they rejoice because prices have risen for the (stocks) they will soon be buying. This reaction makes no sense. Only those who will be sellers of equities in the near future should be happy at seeing stocks rise. Prospective purchasers should much prefer sinking prices." (Ideally, they'll have some cash on hand with which to snap up great stocks at bargain prices.)

If this short piece isn't enough to calm your nerves, spend a little time reading some classic books on investing. Look for titles by John Bogle, Peter Lynch, Joel Greenblatt, and The Motley Fool's David and Tom Gardner.

My Dumbest Investment

Not Rothing It Sooner

My dumbest investment move was not utilizing the Roth portion of my 401(k) account earlier. A Roth 401(k) grows tax-free! That would have been a big-time win for me if I'd started investing in a Roth 401(k) with my company at 22 years old — I'm 32 now. Take advantage of the Roth option. — *K.M., online*

The Fool Responds: You're right that a Roth 401(k) — and its cousin, the Roth IRA — are powerful tools for retirement savings. You're also smart to be thinking about retirement while you're just in your 30s; many people don't get around to that until a decade or two later, and they lose out on massive saving potential.

The longer your money has to grow, the more it can grow. Still, it's far from too late for you. If you're aiming to retire at, say, 62, you still have a whopping 30 years of investing and growth ahead of you.

With a Roth IRA or 401(k), you contribute money and get no upfront tax break. But if you follow the rules, you can withdraw money from the account later, tax-free. That's especially great if you expect your tax rates to be higher in retirement.

Socking away $8,000 per year for 30 years and earning an average annual return of 8% can get you to almost $980,000. Learn more about IRAs and 401(k)s at **Fool.com/retirement**.

The Motley Fool Take

Good Years Ahead for Goodyear?

Goodyear Tire & Rubber (Nasdaq: GT) has been on a bumpy ride lately, but there may be plenty of good years ahead for the company. Goodyear is one of the world's largest tire companies, with 47 manufacturing facilities in 21 countries; world-class innovation centers (including its innovation lab in Silicon Valley); and around 5,200 patents globally.

A plateauing and slowing North American light-vehicle market has pumped the brakes on Goodyear, with lower vehicle production shrinking demand for tires. And its operation in China may be affected by the COVID-19 epidemic. But that's only part of Goodyear's story.

After all, Goodyear still gets significant revenue through its replacement tire business — as all existing cars occasionally need new tires. Also, more and more vehicles sport wheels with diameters of 17" or more, which require tires that are far more profitable than those for smaller wheels. Meanwhile, if oil prices fall, so will the raw material prices for tires, boosting profit margins.

Goodyear has recently been trading at a forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of around 6, which is very low, and its dividend was recently yielding a hefty 6.6%. That warrants a closer look by long-term, income-seeking investors. Weak auto markets are generally followed by stronger ones, and while you wait, Goodyear should keep paying dividends.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1849 beginning of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer – the parent from which I was spun off in 2013. Today, based in Parsippany, New Jersey, I'm a world leader in animal health, offering health products such as drugs and vaccines for house pets, horses, cattle, swine, sheep, poultry and even fish. I employ more than 10,000 people and sell my wares in more than 100 countries. I have about 300 product lines and rake in over $6 billion annually. My unusual name is related to the words zoo, zoology, zoometry and zodiac. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1866 founding of the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company and the development in 1867 of a baby food made with flour and milk. I grew over the years and added offerings such as chocolate. In 1938 I introduced a popular instant coffee, followed by instant tea in 1948. Today, based in Switzerland, I sport a market value that recently topped $320 billion. The brands I own or am licensed to sell include Gerber, Cerelac, Perrier, Poland Spring, Cheerios, KitKat, Coffee-Mate, Smarties, Maggi, Hot Pockets, Stouffer's, DiGiorno, Lean Cuisine, Carnation, Dreyer's and Haagen-Dazs. Who am I? (Answer: Nestle)

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Unlock the debtor's prison of student loans

Earlier this year, a judge denounced the myth that student loans can't be erased in bankruptcy court as she excused a Navy veteran from having to pay $221,000 in education debt. Bankruptcy judge Cecelia G. Morris' decision garnered plenty of headlines, along with speculation that the ruling might make such discharges easier.

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The battle isn't over, though. A few days later, Morris' ruling was appealed by the Education Credit Management Corporation, a nonprofit company that guarantees and services federal student loans for the U.S. Department of Education.

The reality is that getting student loans erased in bankruptcy, while technically possible, is so hard and expensive that few people try; even fewer succeed. Without intervention by Congress and a change of heart at the Education Department, struggling borrowers will continue to be trapped in a virtual debtor's prison: unable to pay what they owe and unable to move on with their lives.

Taxpayer money is being wasted, as well. ECMC has a long history of aggressively opposing student loan discharges, even when there's little hope of recovering any money. Among other cases, ECMC has notoriously fought bankruptcy relief for a woman diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; a formerly homeless woman with mental illness subsisting on Social Security disability payments; and, in the case of Navy vet Kevin Rosenberg, the subject of Morris' ruling, a man whose basic living expenses exceeded his income.

Obviously, walking away from student loan debt should never be easy. But getting relief from unpayable education debt should never have become this hard.

That was the consensus of an expert group of bankruptcy judges, lawyers and scholars who studied the issue and made their recommendations public last year. The American Bankruptcy Institute's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy suggested changes judges could make to help more borrowers, but real reform will require new laws and a more sensible, cost-effective approach by the Education Department.

Among the commission's recommendations:

Allow private student loans to be erased

Federal student loans are backed by taxpayer money, so it makes sense that they're harder to discharge than credit card debt or medical bills. But Congress extended the same status to private student loans in 2005. Unlike federal student loans, private student loans are underwritten – which means the lenders assess borrowers' ability to repay, charge interest rates that reflect the risk of default and often require co-signers to guarantee repayment. Shielding private student loans in bankruptcy court may protect lender profits, but it's hard to make the case that doing so is somehow in the taxpayers' best interest. The commission recommends Congress change the law to allow private student loans, as well as loans taken out by parents and other relatives for their children, to be more easily erased.

The seven-year standard should be restored

In 1976, Congress decided that overwhelmed borrowers could get their student loans wiped out in bankruptcy once five years had passed since the first payment was due. Debtors could get relief earlier if repayment represented an "undue hardship." In 1990, Congress lengthened the waiting period to seven years.

Meanwhile, courts toughened the rules about what "undue hardship" meant – with the understanding that those who couldn't prove undue hardship could still get the debt wiped out within a few years. In 1998, however, Congress removed the time element entirely. Now borrowers are held to the strict standards the courts had developed under previous laws, but without the promise of eventual relief.

The commission recommends returning to the seven-year standard, noting that if borrowers were still struggling at that point, their circumstances were unlikely to improve enough to repay a significant portion of their loans. Getting rid of the debt, on the other hand, could allow people to buy homes, start families, launch businesses and otherwise engage in productive activity that contributes to the tax base.

Call off the dogs

The commission decried "costly and inefficient litigation," noting that the Education Department and ECMC regularly fight discharges regardless of the costs or benefits.

Instead, the commission recommended the department adopt clearly defined rules that would prevent student loan collectors from opposing discharges for people collecting disability benefits from Social Security or Veterans Affairs, or whose incomes were less than 175 percent of federal poverty levels. In other cases, collectors would be required to do a cost-benefit analysis so they don't waste government money.

"That doesn't mean we're saying to the department you just ought to wipe out every student loan debt," says William Houston Brown, a retired bankruptcy judge who co-chaired the commission. "Just don't spend the money litigating over things that are pointless."

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Money&Markets Extra

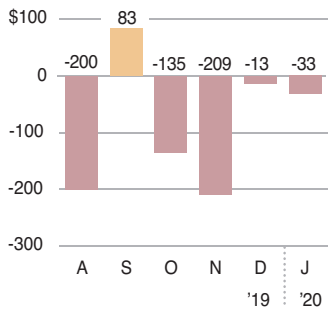
The Week Ahead

The Federal purse

The Treasury Department serves up its snapshot Wednesday of how much money Uncle Sam took in and paid out last month.

The January report showed that the federal government's receipts and outlays translated into a deficit of $32.6 billion for the month. In February last year, the government ended the month with a shortfall of $234 billion.

Treasury budget
not seasonally adjusted in billions



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Performance gap

Wall Street expects that Gap closed out its last fiscal year on a downbeat note.

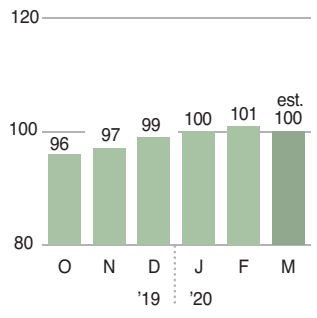
Analysts predict the retail chain will report Thursday that its fiscal fourth-quarter earnings and revenue declined from a year earlier. That would echo the company's results in the previous three quarters. Like many mall-based clothing chains, Gap is struggling to turn itself around as shoppers go online or to discounters for their clothing.

Eye on jobs

A gauge of how U.S. consumers feel about the economy is expected to show little change this month.

The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index climbed to 101 in February, the highest reading in nearly two years. Only 8% of consumers surveyed for the index last month mentioned the spreading coronavirus when describing the reasons for their economic expectations. Economists are forecasting that this month's preliminary reading, due out on Friday, will be only slightly lower at 100.

Consumer sentiment index
not seasonally adjusted change



Source: FactSet

Amer Elec Power AEP
$97.70 **+8.44 +9.5%**
▼ **4-wk.** -3.6% ▲ **YTD** +3.4%

Ford Motor F
$6.49 **-.47 -6.8%**
▼ **4-wk.** -20.0% ▼ **YTD** -30.2%

Whirlpool WHR
$121.12 **-6.74 -5.3%**
▼ **4-wk.** -18.8% ▼ **YTD** -17.9%

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	29.95	39.70	**37.03**	**1.81**	5.1	▼	▼	-5.2	31.0	17	5.6
Amer Elec Power	AEP	81.95	104.97	**97.70**	**8.44**	9.5	▼	▲	3.4	25.3	25	2.9
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.50	327.85	**289.03**	**15.67**	5.7	▼	▲	-1.6	68.6	26	1.1
AutoZone Inc	AZO	924.25	1274.41	**1060.31**	**27.80**	2.7	▲	▼	-11.0	9.6	19	...
BP PLC	BP	29.71	45.38	**31.25**	**-0.04**	-0.1	▼	▼	-17.2	-17.9	9	7.9
CMS Engy	CMS	53.55	69.12	**67.89**	**7.47**	12.4	▲	▲	8.0	28.3	41	2.4
CocaCola Co	KO	45.10	60.07	**55.26**	**1.77**	3.3	▼	▲	-0.2	27.9	34	3.0
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	37.89	47.74	**40.37**	**-0.06**	-0.1	▼	▼	-10.2	7.5	19	2.3
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**164.04**	**7.56**	4.8	▼	▼	-5.3	0.4	16	1.9
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**115.27**	**-2.38**	-2.0	▼	▼	-20.3	1.5	15	1.5
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	77.51	119.71	**80.24**	**-2.79**	-3.4	▼	▼	-14.7	-18.3	10	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	48.01	83.49	**47.69**	**-3.75**	-7.3	▼	▼	-31.7	-33.2	11	7.3
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	23.31	31.64	**22.20**	**-2.20**	-9.0	▼	▼	-27.8	-10.2	8	4.9
1st Source Corp	SRCE	40.29	53.42	**40.02**	**-2.03**	-4.8	▼	▼	-22.9	-11.1	12	2.9
Ford Motor	F	6.67	10.56	**6.49**	**-0.47**	-6.8	▼	▼	-30.2	-16.3	5	9.2
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	13.26	**9.40**	**-1.47**	-13.5	▼	▼	-15.8	2.3	...	0.4
Home Depot	HD	179.57	247.12	**228.51**	**10.67**	4.9	▼	▲	4.6	30.6	23	2.6
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	14.44	19.48	**14.39**	**-0.63**	-4.2	▼	▼	-23.8	-13.8	6	3.3
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	11.58	15.63	**11.12**	**-1.15**	-9.4	▼	▼	-26.3	-13.4	10	5.4
IDEX Corp	IEX	142.97	178.14	**146.24**	**-1.76**	-1.2	▼	▼	-15.0	3.8	32	1.4
IBM	IBM	126.36	158.75	**127.73**	**-2.42**	-1.9	▼	▼	-4.7	-1.3	13	5.1
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**108.08**	**-8.03**	-6.9	▼	▼	-22.5	12.7	11	3.0
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	126.10	154.50	**142.03**	**7.55**	5.6	▼	▲	-2.6	5.1	24	2.7
Lowes Cos	LOW	91.60	126.73	**105.31**	**-1.26**	-1.2	▼	▼	-12.1	6.5	23	2.1
McDonalds Corp	MCD	179.80	221.93	**198.86**	**4.69**	2.4	▼	▲	0.6	12.0	30	2.5
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	108.80	190.70	**161.57**	**-0.44**	-0.3	▼	▲	2.5	50.6	32	1.3
Miller Herman	MLHR	32.30	49.88	**31.99**	**-2.25**	-6.6	▼	▼	-23.2	-7.9	14	2.6
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**.61**	**-0.09**	-12.3	▼	▼	-46.0	-63.0	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	63.86	**53.17**	**2.48**	4.9	▼	▲	2.9	12.6	26	1.7
Pfizer Inc	PFE	32.53	44.56	**35.02**	**1.60**	4.8	▼	▼	-10.6	-13.9	14	4.3
Procter & Gamble	PG	98.51	128.09	**121.66**	**8.43**	7.4	▼	▼	-2.6	25.8	28	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	76.13	100.91	**95.52**	**5.26**	5.8	▼	▲	6.6	23.6	44	1.7
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**15.30**	**-0.92**	-5.7	▼	▼	-25.2	-7.2	13	3.8
Stryker Corp	SYK	174.84	226.30	**185.88**	**-4.71**	-2.5	▼	▼	-11.5	1.0	32	1.2
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	34.06	47.46	**32.46**	**-3.98**	-10.9	▼	▼	-30.6	-20.8	9	4.3
Target Corp	TGT	70.03	130.24	**105.95**	**2.95**	2.9	▼	▼	-17.4	42.9	18	2.5
Tractor Supply	TSCO	86.62	114.25	**91.48**	**2.97**	3.4	▼	▼	-2.1	1.7	25	1.5
UPS class B	UPS	87.67	125.31	**94.00**	**3.51**	3.9	▼	▼	-19.7	-11.9	16	4.3
Verizon Comm	VZ	52.18	62.22	**56.87**	**2.71**	5.0	▼	▼	-7.4	6.3	15	4.3
WEC Energy Group	WEC	75.88	105.25	**104.72**	**12.39**	13.4	▲	▲	13.5	39.7	33	2.4
WalMart Strs	WMT	96.53	125.38	**117.23**	**9.55**	8.9	▲	▼	-1.4	20.0	67	1.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	44.61	67.00	**50.51**	**4.75**	10.4	▼	▼	-14.3	-20.2	9	3.6
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	24.04	**19.19**	**0.31**	1.6	▼	▼	-13.6	13.8	21	2.5
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**121.12**	**-6.74**	-5.3	▼	▼	-17.9	-8.6	...	4.0
Worthington Inds	WOR	30.25	44.69	**30.62**	**-1.18**	-3.7	▼	▼	-27.4	-17.9	12	3.1
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	47.35	100.18	**65.77**	**-8.20**	-11.1	▼	▼	-17.5	44.7	26	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

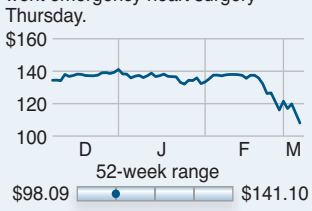
StoryStocks

Bond yields fell to more record lows as investors continue to demand safety and unload stocks. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note sank as low as 0.66% as investors worried that economic damage from the spreading virus outbreak will be worse than previously thought. Major indexes ended down 1% or more after clawing back much larger losses earlier in the day. The price of oil plunged 10%, its worst drop in five years.

JP Morgan Chase — JPM

Close: **$108.08 ▼-5.89 or -5.2%**

The bank said that CEO Jamie Dimon is recovering after he underwent emergency heart surgery Thursday.



52-week range: $98.09 — $141.10

Vol.: **38.0m (3.0x avg.)** PE: **10.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$332.2 b** Yield: **3.3%**

Starbucks — SBUX

Close: **$75.34 ▼-0.85 or -1.1%**

The coffee chain said a key sales measure in China was pummeled in February because of the virus outbreak and store closures.

52-week range: $69.03 — $99.72

Vol.: **18.1m (2.2x avg.)** PE: **24.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$88.4 b** Yield: **2.2%**

Square — SQ

Close: **$73.09 ▼-3.23 or -4.2%**

The payment software company lowered its earnings forecast for the year, citing its $1 billion offering of senior notes.

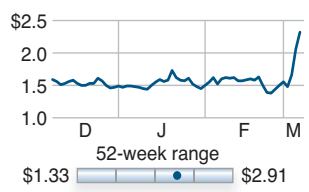
52-week range: $54.41 — $87.25

Vol.: **16.3m (1.9x avg.)** PE: **96.0**
Mkt. Cap: **$25.9 b** Yield: **...**

Opko Health — OPK

Close: **$2.32 ▲0.26 or 12.6%**

The medical diagnostics company said it will offer a test for the new coronavirus.



52-week range: $1.33 — $2.91

Vol.: **102.8m (20.1x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$1.6 b** Yield: **...**

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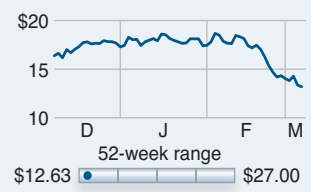
The Gap — GPS

Close: **$13.19 ▼-0.17 or -1.3%**

The clothing and apparel retailer named its Old Navy unit chief, Sonia Syngal, as its new CEO.



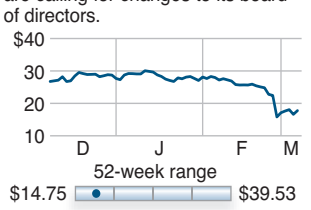
52-week range: $12.63 — $27.00

Vol.: **7.4m (1.3x avg.)** PE: **6.2**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.9 b** Yield: **7.4%**

Big Lots — BIG

Close: **$17.77 ▲1.16 or 7.0%**

A group of activist investors took a stake in the discount retailer and are calling for changes to its board of directors.



52-week range: $14.75 — $39.53

Vol.: **3.3m (2.0x avg.)** PE: **2.9**
Mkt. Cap: **$693.8 m** Yield: **6.8%**

AP

Company Spotlight — New virus test lifts Opko

Opko Health shares soared after the company said its BioReference Laboratories division will begin offering a test for the new coronavirus next week.

Elmwood Park, New Jersey-based BioReference worked with officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and others to "navigate quickly through the scientific and regulatory issues necessary to make testing available as soon as possible to the U.S. population," chairman Jon Cohen said in a statement.

Opko shares leapt to an eight-month high following the announcement.

The new coronavirus has infected 100,000 people around the world and spread to 18 U.S. states. The deathtoll as of Friday stands at nearly 3,400, including 14 in the U.S.

Opko Health (OPK) — Friday's close: **$2.32, +0.26**

52-WEEK RANGE: $1.33 — $2.91

Price-earnings ratio: **Lost money** (Based on past 12-month results)

Price change	1-yr	3-yr*	5-yr*
OPK	-9.4%	-32.7	-30.3

Market valuation: **$1,554 million**

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.86	+.01	+6.5
GlbBdAdv	8.75	+.08	+8.9
LgCpGrAdv	61.42	+.80	+15.4
AMG			
Yacktmanl	18.42	-.29	+0.6
Akre			
FocInstl d	45.70	+.55	+19.2
FocRetail m	44.54	+.54	+18.9
American Century			
EqIncI	8.30	+.06	+4.0
EqIncInv	8.28	+.05	+3.6
GrInv	33.97	+.14	+14.7
UltraInv	50.65	+.14	+14.7
American Funds			
AMCpA m	31.43	-.04	+7.7
AmrcnBalA m	27.73	+.36	+9.5
AmrcnHiInA m	9.73	-.12	+2.7
AmrcnMutA m	40.37	+.66	+5.8
BdfAmrcA m	13.79	+.25	+12.8
CptWldGrIncA m	47.85	+.15	+4.6
CptlIncBldrA m	60.14	+.79	+5.1
CptlWldBdA m	20.90	+.38	+9.8
EuroPacGrA m	50.20	-.41	+2.9
FdmtlInvsA m	57.01	-.06	+6.5
GlbBalA m	32.82	+.21	+5.3
GrfAmrcA m	48.71	-.18	+9.9
HiIncMuniBdA m	16.85	-.07	+10.7
IncAmrcA m	21.96	+.25	+5.6
IntlGrIncA m	32.27	-.15	+2.7
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.90	+.14	+7.6
InvCAmrcA m	36.11	+.05	+4.8
NewWldA m	64.35	-.60	+4.6
NwPrspctvA m	44.20	-.09	+9.0
SmCpWldA m	54.20	-.92	+6.4
TheNewEcoA m	43.41	-.22	+7.3
TxExBdA m	13.70	...	+9.2
WAMtInvsA m	43.89	+.50	+5.5
Angel Oak			
MltStratInclns	11.14	+.06	+5.9
Artisan			
IntlInstl	30.47	-.15	+10.3
IntlValueInstl	33.05	-.33	+1.5
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.78	+.20	+13.9
CorPlusBdInstl	12.09	+.18	+13.6
IntermBdInstl	11.68	+.13	+10.1
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.92	+.05	+5.7
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	13.55	-.30	-1.2
GrInstl	81.15	-1.80	+12.9
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	18.25	-.25	+2.3
EqDivInvA m	18.17	-.26	+2.0
GlbAllcInclnstl	18.70	+.11	+7.6
GlbAllcInclnvA m	18.58	+.12	+7.4
HYBdInstl	7.52	-.06	+7.7
HYBdK	7.53	-.05	+7.8
LowDurBdInstl	9.72	+.02	+5.0
NtnlMnInstl	11.35	-.05	+8.5
NtnlMnInvA m	11.36	-.05	+8.2
StrInc0pIns	10.03	+.02	+7.3
StratMu0pIns	11.72	-.25	+4.7
TtlRetInstl	12.47	+.18	+12.8
Calamos			
MktNetrlIncIns	13.19	+.03	+3.2
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	13.17	-.32	-9.5
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	160.72	-.02	+3.3
ApprecA m	24.09	+.23	+10.9
LgCpGrl	51.20	-.06	+11.4
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	14.14	+.03	+12.6
RlEsttSecInclns	17.09	+.48	+13.6
Rltys	64.51	+2.16	+15.0
Columbia			
DivIncIns	22.50	+.36	+7.1
SlgCmsInfoA m	73.57	-.87	+19.9
DFA			
EMktCorEql	19.35	-.05	-4.1
EMktSCInstl	18.64	+.05	-5.4
EmMktsInstl	26.01	-.05	-3.5
EmMktsVaInstl	24.46	-.34	-12.2
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.83	+.02	+3.9
GlbAllc6040Ins	17.76	-.05	+3.4
GlbEqInstl	22.02	-.17	+0.9
GlbRlEsttSec	11.42	+.40	+10.3
InflProtSecIns	12.68	+.24	+12.3
IntlCorEqIns	12.01	-.20	-3.9
IntlRlEsttScIns	4.70	+.11	+7.0
IntlSmCoInstl	16.14	-.38	-4.1
IntlSmCpValIns	16.07	-.54	-8.7
IntlValInstl	14.84	-.50	-11.2
ItmGovtFIIns	13.79	+.31	+14.9
LgCpIntlInstl	21.02	-.22	-1.3
OneYearFIInstl	10.32	+.01	+2.4
RlEsttSecInstl	40.25	+1.64	+12.3
ShTrmExQtyl	10.87	+.01	+4.1
TAUSCorEq2Instl	17.89	-.13	+2.6
TMdUSMktwdVl	27.43	-.43	-3.2
TMdUSTrgtedVal	28.56	-1.27	-13.0
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.95	+.01	+2.7
USCorEq1Instl	23.16	-.12	+3.8
USCorEqIIInstl	20.96	-.17	+2.2
USLgCo	22.88	+.15	+9.3
USLgCpValInstl	32.56	-.61	-3.9
USMicroCpInstl	17.81	-.63	-12.0
USSmCpInstl	29.43	-.83	-9.5
USSmCpValInstl	27.18	-1.43	-17.4
USTrgtedValIns	18.39	-.97	-15.1
USVectorEqInstl	16.52	-.42	-5.5
Davis			
NYVentureA m	26.30	-.85	+2.6
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	19.17	-.15	-3.6
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	92.40	-1.96	+1.5
GlbStk	10.76	-.44	-4.8
Inc	14.49	+.11	+11.0
IntlStk	36.89	-1.16	-6.1
Stk	165.17	-5.65	-3.3
DoubleLine			
CorFII	11.46	+.12	+10.3
LowDurBdI	10.06	+.01	+4.3
TtlRetBdI	11.01	+.09	+9.2
TtlRetBdN b	11.00	+.09	+8.9
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	33.18	-.24	+4.8
FltngRtInstl	8.63	-.10	+1.4
Edgewood			
GrInstl	37.53	+.54	+16.8
FPA			
Crescent d	31.28	-.85	+0.5
NewInc	10.07	+.03	+4.6
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.60	-.05	+6.7
KaufmannR m	5.84	+.04	+11.2
StratValDivIns	5.29	+.16	+2.8
TtlRetBdInstl	11.46	+.13	+11.7
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	103.42	+.66	+9.4
AsstMgr20% x	13.67	+.09	+7.9
AsstMgr50%	18.16	+.10	+8.3
AsstMgr70%	21.58	+.07	+7.5
BCGrowth	104.41	-.29	+14.4
BCGrowth	14.55	-.06	+14.0
BCGrowthK	104.66	-.29	+14.5
Balanced	23.67	+.05	+10.1
BalancedK	23.67	+.05	+10.2
Cap&Inc	9.70	-.12	+4.0
CmdtyStrat	4.19	-.01	-10.4
Contrafund	13.09	+.01	+11.7
ContrafundK	13.11	+.01	+11.8
CptlApprec	32.43	...	+12.7
DivGro	26.12	-.68	-1.6
DiversIntl	37.52	+.01	+9.4
EmergMktsOpps	18.76	-.12	+5.1
EqDividendInc	22.55	-.03	+1.2
EqIncome x	54.45	+.12	+4.5
ExMktIdxInPr	58.56	-1.00	+0.4
Fidelity	49.03	+.79	+17.5
FltngRtHiInc	9.18	-.10	+1.6
FourinOneIdx	45.68	+.08	+6.5
Frdm 2015	12.56	+.04	+7.4
Frdm 2020	15.64	+.03	+7.0
Frdm 2025	13.70	+.01	+6.8
Frdm 2030	16.84	-.01	+6.4
Frdm 2035	13.96	-.05	+5.2
Frdm 2040	9.68	-.06	+4.2
Frdm 2045	11.01	-.05	+4.3
GNMA	11.69	+.04	+6.4
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	12.02	-.08	-0.5
GlobalexUSIdx	11.82	-.08	-0.6
GroCo	20.91	-.07	+17.5
GroCo	17.43	-.05	+18.9
GroCoK	20.95	-.06	+17.6
Growth&Inc	36.84	-.66	+2.0
HighIncome	8.64	-.06	+4.6
IntlDiscv	41.56	-.06	+6.3
IntlGr	16.33	...	+13.9
IntlIdxInstlPrm	38.35	-.32	-0.3
IntlVal	8.55	-.20	-5.0
IntrmMuniInc	10.90	+.02	+8.3
InvmGradeBd	12.07	+.15	+13.1
InvmGradeBd	8.57	+.13	+13.5
LowPrStk	43.26	-.26	-1.3
LowPrStkK	43.22	-.26	-1.2
Magellan	9.88	+.12	+14.6
MichiganMuniInc	12.83	+.03	+9.4
MidCapStock	32.41	-.20	+2.5
MuniInc	13.83	...	+11.0
NasdCmpIdx	107.69	+.13	+15.2
NewMktsInc	15.10	+.10	+6.1
OTCPortfolio	12.29	-.02	+18.2
OTCPortfolioK	12.50	-.02	+18.3
Overseas	47.59	-.16	+6.7
Puritan	22.16	+.15	+10.1
PuritanK	22.15	+.16	+10.2
RealEstInv x	43.51	+1.53	+7.9
ShTrmBd	8.83	+.04	+5.3
SmCpOpps	12.44	-.09	+0.7
StkSelorAllCp	44.33	-.01	+8.8
TaxFreeBond x	12.31	...	+11.2
TotalBond	11.32	+.13	+12.2
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	83.28	+.22	+7.8
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.52	+.20	+13.3
Value	9.12	-.39	-6.1
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	29.88	-.17	+7.8
NewInsI	30.67	-.17	+8.1
StgInc	12.42	+.03	+6.8
StgIncI	12.42	+.02	+6.8
TotalBondI	11.30	+.13	+12.0
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	21.44	+.42	+13.8
HealthCare	27.57	+1.04	+16.1
ITServices	72.98	-.67	+15.7
MedTech&Devcs	57.23	+1.35	+11.4
Swre&ITSvcs	19.52	-.38	+19.9
Technology	19.61	-.05	+30.3
First Eagle			
GlbA m	52.83	+.02	+0.7
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.94	...	+12.4
DynaTechA m	88.21	-.05	+18.1
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.35	...	+9.4
GlbBdA m	10.53	...	-3.6
GlbBdAdv	10.48	...	-3.4
GlbBdR6	10.48	...	-3.3
Gr,IncA m	20.28	-.08	-4.7
GrA m	106.17	+.80	+11.5
HYTxFrIncA1 m	10.43	-.02	+9.6
IncA1 m	2.18	-.03	+1.2
IncAdv	2.16	-.03	+1.4
IncC m	2.21	-.03	+1.1
MutGlbDiscvA m	26.05	-.61	-2.1
MutGlbDiscvZ	26.64	-.62	-1.9
MutZ	23.73	-.36	-1.5
RisingDivsA m	63.84	+.20	+7.4
UtlsA1 m	22.48	+1.39	+19.0
GE			
RSPUSEq	53.71	+.41	+12.2
Goldman Sachs			
DynMuniIncInstl	16.72	-.11	+8.9
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	74.33	-.28	+14.6
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	54.27	+.69	+1.7
IntlEqInstl d	21.90	+.13	+3.9
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	34.44	-.09	+6.5
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	20.79	-.60	-6.5
CptlAprcA m	51.93	-.34	+13.0
DevMktsA m	41.99	-.27	+1.1
DevMktsY	41.35	-.26	+1.3
DiversDivA m	18.75	+.38	+2.7
EqandIncA m	9.38	-.10	+0.5
GlbA m	86.62	-.69	+3.2
HYMnA m	8.22	-.07	+15.7
HYMuniA m	10.57	-.11	+11.6
IntlGrY	40.66	-.22	+6.9
MnStrA m	44.63	+.25	+9.3
MnsA m	17.43	-.12	+13.9
Ivy			
SciAndTechA m	66.97	-.34	+18.5
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.85	+.13	+12.6
CoreBondI	12.45	+.19	+13.4
CoreBondR6	12.47	+.20	+13.5
EqIncI	17.39	+.12	+3.5
HighYieldR6	7.07	-.05	+4.6
LCapGrI	40.21	+.22	+19.3
MCapValL	34.57	-.40	-2.4
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	35.94	+.48	+12.2
EnterpriseT	127.80	-2.72	+6.5
John Hancock			
Bdl	16.75	+.21	+12.9
BdR6	16.78	+.21	+13.1
DiscpValI	17.78	-.19	-3.6
DiscpValMCI	19.31	-.27	-0.4
DiscpValR6	17.81	-.19	-3.5
IntlGrl	28.19	+.27	+10.1
MltMgLsBlA b	13.46	...	+5.4
MltmgrLsGr1 b	13.32	-.04	+3.8
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	15.87	-.29	-5.7
GlbLtdInfrsIns	15.00	-.33	+7.3
IntlStratEqIns	13.91	-.09	-0.5
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	13.53	+.05	+5.7
GrY	17.67	+.11	+13.5
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	13.75	-.03	-0.7
BdDebA m	8.11	-.01	+8.4
BdDebF b	8.10	...	+8.7
FltngRtF b	8.51	-.10	+0.9
ShrtDurIncA m	4.24	+.01	+5.3
ShrtDurIncC m	4.26	...	+4.4
ShrtDurIncF b	4.23	...	+5.1
ShrtDurInel	4.23	...	+5.2
MFS			
GrA m	116.56	+.51	+19.8
Grl	124.66	+.55	+20.1
InstlIntlEq	25.55	+.04	+8.0
MAInvsGrStkA m	30.69	+.13	+16.1
MAInvsTrustA m	29.89	-.03	+7.4
TtlRetA m	19.03	+.11	+7.6
ValA m	39.84	+.16	+4.7
Vall	40.09	+.16	+5.0
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	115.71	+.93	+4.7
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrl	21.66	-.28	+5.6
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	11.48	+.19	+12.7
TtlRetBdM b	11.48	+.18	+12.5
TtlRetBdPlan	10.80	+.18	+12.8
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	53.38	-.27	+5.0
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	11.54	+.11	+0.8
StkIdx	34.21	+.22	+9.3
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.65	-.16	+14.3
HYMuniBdI	18.65	-.16	+14.6
IntermDrMnBdI	9.75	+.01	+8.8
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.39	+.03	+6.0
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	26.61	-.46	+0.8
IntlInv	20.20	-1.15	-8.7
Inv	67.85	-3.20	-2.2
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	14.06	-.02	+0.7
LgCpStrats	13.86	-.01	+5.3
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.78	-.02	+1.7
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.41	-.03	+8.6
TtlRetBdA m	15.17	+.23	+14.0
TtlRetBdZ	15.12	+.23	+14.4
PIMCO			
AlAstInstl	11.40	+.10	+3.4
HYInstl	8.80	-.03	+6.1
IBdUSDHI	10.90	+.03	+7.8
IncA m	11.93	-.04	+5.9
IncC m	11.93	-.04	+5.1
Incl2	11.93	-.04	+6.2
IncInstl	11.93	-.04	+6.3
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.37	+.17	+16.0
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.37	+.17	+15.8
LowDrInstl	9.93	+.03	+5.3
MortgOpps&Bdl	10.91	-.01	+5.4
RlRetInstl	11.82	+.25	+11.8
ShrtTrmIns	9.82	+.01	+2.8
TtlRetA m	10.87	+.17	+11.8
TtlRetIns	10.87	+.17	+12.2
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	40.52	-.95	-2.6
Gr	36.07	-.77	-3.1
Stk	29.76	-.49	-1.4
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	44.01	+.57	+11.3
Pioneer			
A m	27.40	+.23	+11.8
Principal			
PrefSecIns	10.35	+.02	+11.2
Putnam			
EqIncA m	23.61	+.07	+4.9
GrOppsA m	38.42	+.26	+18.4
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WARM WINTER ICES WINE

Germany's fabled ice wine suffered a blow this winter as temperatures never dropped enough to produce the pricey vintage. It's apparently the first time in the known history of German winemaking that vineyards failed to produce any of the wine, which is made from grapes that have been left to freeze on the vine. Temperatures never dropped to the necessary minus 7 degrees Celsius, or 19 degrees Fahrenheit. The German Wine Institute said a succession of warm winters have cut into ice wine production recently, noting that in 2017 only seven producers managed to make it, and only five managed it in 2013.

TWEET TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

Twitter is giving tweets with a shelf life a test run in Brazil as it tries to give users a less permanent option for their thoughts and musings on social media. The company is calling the new option "fleets" because of their fleeting nature and expiration after 24 hours. It hopes people will be more likely to share casual, everyday thoughts – and to do so more often. The move is the latest way Twitter is trying to boost growth. Despite having high-profile users such as President Donald Trump, the company has lagged behind other tech powerhouses like Facebook and Google in terms of user growth and advertising revenue.

CLEANING UP ON SANITIZER

Prices for hand sanitizer surged this week as fear of the coronavirus led people to stockpile the germ-killing gel. Hand sanitizers were hard to find on online sites like Amazon. Ones that remained saw their prices skyrocket, even though the company has said it is policing its site for price gougers. Two 8-ounce bottles of Purell, for example, were being offered for $119 by a third-party seller. Sales of hand sanitizers in the U.S. were up 73% in the four weeks ending Feb. 22 compared to the same period a year ago, according to market research firm Nielsen.

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Quotable

"The bond market says the monster under the bed is much bigger and scarier than anyone expects right now."

— **Ryan Detrick**, senior market strategist at LPL Financial, as fears over a weakening economy sent the 10-year Treasury yield to record lows.

New road for Harley

Motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson soon will get a new CEO, leaving investors to wonder where the Milwaukee company is headed.

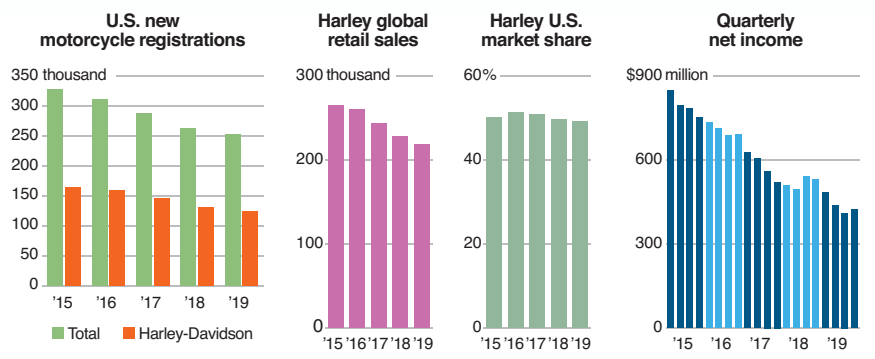
In a surprise move, Matt Levatich stepped down from the post and his board seat last week. He'll be replaced temporarily by board member Jochen Zeitz until a search firm finds a new chief executive. Levatich will help with the transition through March.

In a note to investors, Raymond James analyst Joseph Altobello wrote there may have been board frustration over the pace of Harley's "More Roads" growth strategy.

"HOG has seen declining U.S. retail (sales) in each of the past five years (although this appears to be largely due to industry headwinds rather than market share losses)," Altobello wrote.

Harley has been struggling to adapt to an aging customer base while looking to attract more female and younger riders and expand markets overseas.

Altobello wrote that he sees a sense of continuity with Zeitz, a former chairman and CEO of the Puma sporting goods company who has been on the board since 2007. But Altobello is waiting for the permanent replacement to see if the strategy changes.



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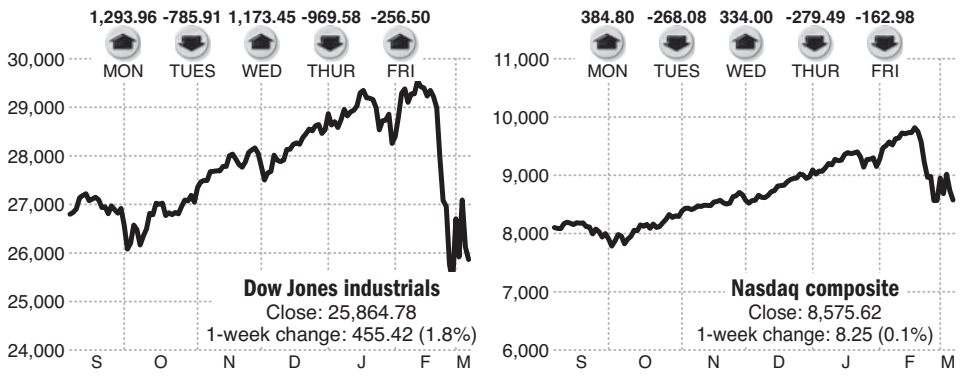


WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29568.57	24680.57	Dow Jones industrial average	27102.34	25226.62	25864.78	+455.42	+1.8	▼	▼	-9.4	+1.6
11359.49	8659.62	Dow Jones transportation	9695.50	8659.62	8956.06	-432.13	-4.6	▼	▼	-17.8	-11.5
963.80	753.84	Dow Jones utilities	926.48	843.01	901.70	+61.74	+7.4	▼	▲	+2.6	+17.8
14183.26	12024.45	NYSE Comp.	13015.66	12106.74	12352.03	-28.94	-0.2	▼	▼	-11.2	-0.5
5914.74	5063.60	NYSE International	5373.01	5067.14	5131.74	-71.78	-1.4	▼	▼	-12.0	-3.1
9736.57	6936.68	Nasdaq 100	9000.46	8319.90	8530.34	+68.50	+0.8	▼	▲	-2.3	+21.6
9838.37	7292.21	Nasdaq Comp.	9070.32	8375.13	8575.62	+8.25	+0.1	▼	▼	-4.4	+15.8
3393.52	2722.27	S&P 500	3136.72	2901.54	2972.37	+18.15	+0.6	▼	▼	-8.0	+8.4
2109.43	1757.19	S&P MidCap	1907.22	1757.19	1797.79	-16.21	-0.9	▼	▼	-12.9	-3.4
34616.78	28107.06	Wilshire 5000	31887.44	29465.25	30157.91	+32.84	+0.1	▼	▼	-8.3	+6.2
1715.08	1417.27	Russell 2000	1539.74	1417.27	1449.22	-27.21	-1.8	▼	▼	-13.1	-4.8
433.90	361.07	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	389.10	364.03	366.80	-8.85	-2.4	▼	▼	-11.8	-1.0
7727.49	6431.44	FTSE 100	6856.27	6431.44	6462.55	-118.06	-1.8	▼	▼	-14.3	-9.0

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
InovioPhm	14.09	+9.81	+229.2
Digirad rs	6.84	+4.33	+172.5
Tocagen	2.88	+1.46	+102.8
NuCana	7.97	+3.86	+93.9
FortySev	94.35	+36.35	+62.7
EnzoBio	3.40	+1.27	+59.6
VectIQ un h	17.51	+6.29	+56.1
OpkoHlth	2.32	+.82	+54.7
Karyophm	25.02	+8.68	+53.1
Omeros	18.08	+6.17	+51.8

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
AmplifyEn	2.13	-2.05	-49.0
Nuv RE In	9.76	-9.01	-48.0
NextDec	2.11	-1.72	-44.9
SM Energy	3.82	-2.75	-41.9
Cardlytc	48.25	-31.14	-39.2
Valaris	2.32	-1.37	-37.1
NewatrTc	2.10	-1.19	-36.2
PlayAGS	6.21	-3.48	-35.9
EnlivexTh	5.75	-3.20	-35.8
SurgPtrs	10.76	-5.66	-34.5

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
BkofAm	6333061	25.71	-2.61
InovioPhm	5838984	14.09	+9.81
GenElec	5824821	9.40	-1.47
AMD	5623710	48.59	+3.11
FordM	4574481	6.49	-.47
Microsoft	3421087	161.57	-.44
Apple Inc	3420599	289.03	+15.67
iBio	3379563	2.05	-.40
Ambev	2912923	3.33	+.12
AT&T Inc	2714368	37.03	+1.81

Rock bottom claims

The fear surrounding the coronavirus outbreak stems in part from the tragic human toll: Tens of thousands of people sickened around the world with roughly 3,500 people dead.

There is also mounting economic anxiety. Though recent data haven't shown many signs of damage to the U.S. or global economies, analysts expect the evidence to surface in coming weeks.

So which barometers are they monitoring most closely?

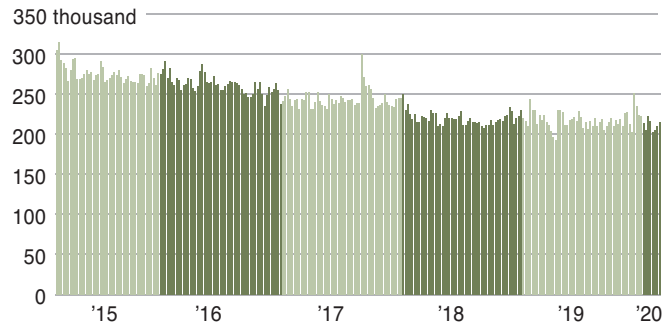
One gauge to watch for is the government's weekly report on the number of people applying for unemployment benefits. Only people who are laid off from work are eligible for such aid, so the figures can show whether job cuts are rising. Should the pace of layoffs jump, it would signal that the economy may be on the verge of a slowdown.

So far, weekly unemployment applications remain near multi-decade lows. On Thursday, the government said that just 216,000 people applied for benefits in the week that ended Feb. 29th — a historically low number that fell 3,000 from the previous week.

Few companies have yet announced widespread layoffs stemming from the coronavirus. And if the virus remains contained, job losses could stay low.

Seasonally adjusted weekly jobless claims

Gradually dropping: Unemployment benefits claims have been dropping over the last 5 years. The outbreak of the coronavirus has not led to any mass layoffs yet.



Source: Labor Department, St. Louis Fed

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Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.03		
First Amer Retail Prime Obligs/Cl X	1.62	$50 mil.	(800) 677-3863
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.73		
Federated Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	1.13	500K	(800) 341-7400

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	1.50	-0.34	▼	▼	-1.70	3.25	1.50
Triple-A corporate Moody's	2.52	-0.18	▼	▼	-1.34	3.87	2.52
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.26	-0.23	▼	▼	-1.64	3.95	2.26
U.S. high yield Barclays	6.12	0.13	▲	▲	-0.50	6.74	5.07
Global Aggregate Barclays	0.97	-0.18	▼	▼	-0.98	1.99	0.97

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.50	-0.79	▼	▼	-1.95	2.45	0.50
6-month T-Bill	0.39	-0.75	▼	▼	-2.13	2.53	0.39
52-week T-Bill	0.37	-0.61	▼	▼	-2.15	2.54	0.37
2-year T-Note	0.46	-0.40	▼	▼	-1.99	2.54	0.46
5-year T-Note	0.55	-0.36	▼	▼	-1.90	2.55	0.55
7-year T-Note	0.66	-0.38	▼	▼	-1.86	2.63	0.66
10-year T-Note	0.70	-0.42	▼	▼	-1.93	2.72	0.70
30-year T-Bond	1.22	-0.45	▼	▼	-1.80	3.09	1.22

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The U.S. dollar weakened versus the euro, the British pound and the Japanese yen. The dollar gained against the Mexican peso.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.3013	+.0068	+.52%	1.2292	1.3172
Canadian Dollar	1.3425	-.0002	-.01%	1.3175	1.3422
USD per Euro	1.1314	+.0114	+1.01%	1.1028	1.1308
Japanese Yen	105.23	-1.16	-1.10%	106.89	111.81
Mexican Peso	20.1633	+.2733	+1.36%	19.5475	19.3611
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4856	+.0119	+.34%	3.5183	3.6086
Norwegian Krone	9.2553	-.0458	-.49%	8.9744	8.6698
South African Rand	15.7173	+.0779	+.50%	14.7871	14.2589
Swedish Krona	9.3693	-.0943	-1.01%	9.6348	9.2976
Swiss Franc	.9370	-.0116	-1.24%	.9880	1.0050
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.5068	-.0103	-.68%	1.4603	1.4230
Chinese Yuan	6.9320	-.0047	-.07%	7.1159	6.7114
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7722	-.0022	-.03%	7.8382	7.8502
Indian Rupee	74.134	+.309	+.42%	71.649	70.097
Singapore Dollar	1.3784	-.0077	-.56%	1.3811	1.3572
South Korean Won	1189.36	-2.23	-.19%	1192.18	1127.69
Taiwan Dollar	29.94	-.02	-.07%	31.19	30.85

Commodities

Benchark U.S. crude oil prices plunged, and other energy prices also fell. Wholesale gasoline and natural gas both closed lower. Gold prices rose and silver fell.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	41.28	45.90	-10.07	-32.4
Ethanol (gal)	1.24	1.26	-1.27	-9.8
Heating Oil (gal)	1.39	1.49	-6.94	-31.7
Natural Gas (mm btu)	1.71	1.77	-3.61	-22.0
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.39	1.52	-8.73	-17.8
METALS				
Gold (oz)	1670.80	1666.40	+0.26	+10.0
Silver (oz)	17.21	17.34	-0.74	-3.4
Platinum (oz)	896.40	865.70	+3.55	-7.7
Copper (lb)	2.57	2.58	-0.37	-7.9
AGRICULTURE				
Cattle (lb)	1.06	1.09	-2.67	-15.2
Coffee (lb)	1.07	1.11	-3.55	-17.2
Corn (bu)	3.77	3.85	-1.89	-2.7
Cotton (lb)	0.63	0.64	-0.88	-8.8
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	400.40	407.50	-1.74	-1.3
Orange Juice (lb)	1.03	1.04	-0.53	+6.1
Soybeans (bu)	8.83	8.89	-0.65	-6.3
Wheat (bu)	5.21	5.24	-0.57	-6.7

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Sprint Corp	S	8.94	-2.7	**81.3**	43.0	5	...
Regeneron Pharm	REGN	494.43	11.2	**29.5**	11.7	23	...
Zoom Vidio Comm Cl A	ZM	114.32	8.9	**29.0**	0.0	...	...
Teladoc Inc	TDOC	135.90	8.8	**28.4**	110.7	...	...
Moderna Inc	MRNA	29.61	14.2	**27.4**	31.1	...	...
BioNTech SE ADS	BNTX	38.09	8.5	**23.3**	0.0	...	...
Dominos Pizza Inc	DPZ	336.41	-0.9	**22.1**	34.6	38	0.9
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	VIPS	16.51	28.7	**21.1**	109.8	16	...
DexCom Inc	DXCM	286.56	3.8	**19.3**	95.3	cc	...
Newmont Corp	NEM	52.35	17.7	**18.9**	0.0	39	1.1
QIAGEN	QGEN	41.57	15.8	**17.2**	5.4	34	...
Barrick Gold	GOLD	21.23	11.5	**16.7**	69.5	10	...
Gilead Sciences	GILD	80.22	15.7	**16.5**	22.2	16	3.4
Kroger Co	KR	32.04	13.9	**14.6**	17.9	16	1.7
ZTO Express Cayman	ZTO	26.60	13.4	**12.0**	27.2	...	...

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	14.09	229.2	**341.7**	171.5	dd	...
Vir Biotechnology	VIR	45.70	-1.7	**123.3**	0.0	...	...
Forty Seven Inc	FTSV	94.35	62.7	**118.9**	440.2	dd	...
Vivint Smart Home	VVNT	26.54	39.1	**87.4**	0.0	...	...
Iovance Therapeutics	IOVA	38.85	18.0	**69.2**	229.2	dd	...
IGM Biosciences Inc	IGMS	63.10	22.7	**56.7**	0.0	dd	...
Stamps.com Inc	STMP	123.39	-12.6	**51.8**	36.7	19	...
Taubman Ctrs	TCO	51.69	-0.7	**49.1**	5.1	27	5.2
Opko Health Inc	OPK	2.32	54.7	**45.0**	-22.3	dd	...
Karyopharm Therap	KPTI	25.02	53.1	**44.9**	506.0	dd	...
Eldorado Gold Cp	EGO	9.39	8.1	**40.6**	127.4	19	...
Enphase Energy Inc	ENPH	53.05	8.3	**39.4**	551.6	54	...
Virtu Financial Inc	VIRT	23.45	24.7	**39.4**	-4.6	32	4.1
Schrodinger Inc	SDGR	43.32	-6.6	**35.7**	0.0	...	...
Unit Group Inc	UNIT	9.58	-1.8	**35.5**	15.2	dd	6.3

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
iBio Inc	IBIO	2.05	-16.3	**448.1**	181.2	dd	...
Co-Diagnostics Inc	CODX	12.89	-2.6	**329.7**	1068.0	dd	...
genprex Inc	GNPX	3.82	-6.9	**223.7**	168.2	dd	...
Alpha Pro Ltd	APT	14.42	-31.3	**158.9**	325.6	72	...
Nemaura Medical Inc	NMRD	7.18	31.7	**130.6**	-37.7	...	...
Vaxart Inc	VXRT	2.56	-10.8	**130.6**	60.0	...	...
Brainstorm Cell Ther	BCLI	8.55	22.5	**110.6**	96.4	dd	...
Bellerophon Therap	BLPH	8.32	18.9	**98.8**	-14.8	dd	...
Novavax Inc	NVAX	12.48	-22.0	**97.8**	7.7	...	...
Trillium Therapeutic	TRIL	7.22	43.0	**87.5**	926.3	...	...
Arcus Biosciences	RCUS	19.28	26.7	**72.3**	59.9	...	...
Repro Med Systems	KRMD	10.24	26.4	**72.2**	510.2	...	...
Verastem Inc	VSTM	3.38	21.1	**70.7**	-2.6	dd	...
ICAD Inc	ICAD	14.42	8.3	**70.0**	186.4	dd	...
Gain Capital Hldgs	GCAP	5.97	1.2	**69.6**	-15.1	dd	4.0

InsiderQ&A

P&G's plans to stay on top

David Taylor
CEO
Proctor & Gamble

Tide detergent, Pantene shampoo and Gillette razors have filled cupboards for decades. But being a household name isn't good enough anymore.

Proctor & Gamble, which makes those products and more, is facing increasing competition. Shoppers are buying more store brands, which cost less and get prime shelf space.

And then there's the rise of hip online startups selling razors directly to a younger generation.

P&G has been buying some of those new brands, such as the maker of Bevel razors, aimed at young men of color.

David Taylor, P&G's CEO, says the company is also tweaking products to appeal to older folks, who are quickly becoming a big chunk of the population. In the U.S., for example, the government expects adults over 65 to outnumber children for the first time in 2034.

Taylor recently talked to The Associated Press about those issues and the rise of online shopping.

P&G recently launched a razor aimed at caretakers that's designed to shave someone else. Are there other products you're thinking about for older generations?
The aging population is a huge, and in many ways, underserved group. We have tried to make sure that we broaden the audience that we serve. It can be everything from how easy it is to read the package, how easy it is to open the package, or the design of the formula to appeal to the specific issues that you may have. Your hair needs are different when you're older. Your skin needs are different when you're older.

How closely do you work with Amazon?
Amazon is a very valued customer, but so is Walmart and Target and Walgreens and Kroger and Costco and Sam's Club. We want to be agnostic to where consumers want to shop. Our e-commerce business is passing $5 billion and grew 25% last year. It's a big part of our business. But in the context of our total company, it's just under 10% of our sales.

How are you dealing with stores creating private-label brands?
Any competition is a challenge. We see that as an opportunity for us to elevate the performance of our brands. We have grown share at the same time private label has grown, and P&G is still growing.

P&G has bought some smaller brands. Will you buy more?
Generally, P&G is able to invent most things. We have over 175 active experiments going on in the company. On the other hand, there may have been an entrepreneur that's done a really good job in an area that we say, "That's ahead of what we're doing," or they identified a new area and it may be better to go ahead and acquire that. So we're open to both.

Interviewed by Joseph Pisani. Edited for clarity and length.

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Cubs' Kimbrel hopes to change the narrative in 2020

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Craig Kimbrel last pitched in a major league game Sept. 21 at Wrigley Field, entering with a one-run lead over the Cardinals in the ninth inning with the traditional "Sweet Child O' Mine" blaring over the PA system.

Paul Sullivan

You might remember it. Or perhaps you've chosen to forget it.

It was the kind of moment Kimbrel was signed for in June, a move that gave Cubs fans hope the season could be saved. But it eventually turned into the sort of nightmare Cubs closers have experienced for decades, from Phil Regan to LaTroy Hawkins to Carlos Marmol.

Yadier Molina tied the game on Kimbrel's first pitch with a home run into the left-center-field bleachers. The next batter, Paul DeJong, promptly gave the Cardinals the lead for keeps with another home run to left, also on a first-pitch fastball.

"Un-BEEEEEE-lievable," was the epitaph Cubs radio broadcaster Pat Hughes used to describe the crushing shot that put Cubs Nation into the fetal position.

"Two shots to the jaw," manager Joe Maddon called it afterward before adding sound effects: "Poom, poom."

The Cubs were down for the count in the National League wild-card race, and the implosion would go down in franchise history along with Hawkins' meltdown against the Mets at Shea Stadium during the 2004 wild-card race.

Suffice to say it won't be featured any time soon on "Cubs Classics" on the Marquee Sports Network.

Kimbrel didn't pitch again the final week of the season, so that was the defining moment he carried into the offseason.

Despite Kimbrel allowing nine home runs in only 20 2/3 innings with a gaudy 6.53 ERA and 13 saves in 2019, Cubs President Theo Epstein brought the veteran closer back without blinking an eye, perhaps knowing no team would assume the remaining $33 million guaranteed on his contract through 2021.

Jed Hoyer suggested at the general managers meetings in November that not having a spring training might have had a negative effect on Kimbrel's season, along with knee and forearm injuries.

A full spring and no health issues would resolve everything, the Cubs believed. So Kimbrel, 31, is back and in the middle of a full spring training, albeit with a later start to his Cactus League debut.

"I don't put too much emphasis on any one spring appearance ever," Epstein said Wednesday before Kimbrel's first outing. "But we're really happy with how he's looked. He's had a nice, steady progression from intentionally (going) a little slower to build himself up.

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Photo provided / Dave Johnson

Aaron James of New Buffalo and Michigan Lutheran's Mara Rugen chase down the basketball during a Division 4 district final Friday night.

Titans turn it around

Lutheran girls win 4th straight district behind Rugen's 30 points

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

THREE OAKS — Fans attending Friday's Division 4 district championship game between Michigan Lutheran and New Buffalo were expecting a battle.

Lutheran 54 New Buffalo 27

The two teams split their two regular-season matchups, with the Bison winning the last game by 20 on Feb. 7.

But the Titans were on a mission.

Michigan Lutheran scored the game's first 23 points and rolled to a 54-27 victory over the New Buffalo to win the program's fourth straight district championship.

"We worked hard on the details," Michigan Lutheran coach Ron Briney said. "We learned a lot from the last time we played. We respect their program; they're very well-coached. We came out and everything was rolling on both offense and defense. When we play as a complete club like that, we're pretty good."

New Buffalo struggled with Lutheran's press defense and had no answer for Mara Rugen, who scored 23 of her 30 points in the first half. She also added five steals, four assists, and four rebounds.

Rugen's speed and timing allowed her to create steals that led to easy baskets at the rim. She was also effective at the mid-range and from 3-point range.

"I was really focused on the defense," Rugen said. "I wanted to stay low and anticipate the passes. I wanted to move on the pass and not the press."

"Mara is a two-way player," Briney said. "She plays great defense and great offense. Tonight her shot was falling on offense and her defense was as sharp as ever. She's the focal point of our defense. She did a great job of leading and everyone jumped in and held them down."

New Buffalo's best quarter on offense was the third, where they scored 10 points. The Titans led by as many as 32 when Rugen laid in the Titans' final basket to put them up 54-22 late in the game.

"We got in a hole to start the game, which was unbelievable," New Buffalo coach

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Photo provided / Dave Johnson

Georgia Arvanitis of New Buffalo, left, Michigan Lutheran's Lexi Tobias (21) and Hailey Conrad compete for a rebound during a Division 4 district final Friday night.

Trio advances to state mat finals

Coloma knocked out in girls bowling state semifinals

By HP STAFF

Day one of the MHSAA individual wrestling state finals kicked off Friday at Ford Field in Detroit with several area athletes competing.

St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen, the only area wrestler rated No. 1 in his respective weight class, went 3-0 yesterday at 103 to reach the championship match today.

Wertanen (48-2) will wrestle in the 103-pound Division 2 championship against Mt. Pleasant's Grant Stahl (42-2).

Also going 3-0 on the day and advancing to the finals were Lakeshore's Micah Hanau (130) and Shane Williams (135).

Williams (45-2) wrestles undefeated Nick Matusko (48-0) of Chelsea, with Hanau (42-4) taking on Lowell's Zeth Strejc (30-13). Strejc is the son of former Lakeshore state champion, David Strejc.

The Lancers' Aaron Lucio (119) and Niles' Ryan Franco (125) in Division 2, as well Dowagiac's Jordan Simpson (103) and Coloma's Cole Alsup (285) in D3, and Decatur's Jared Checkley (171) in D4, all advanced to the semifinal round before falling. Each will be guaranteed to place no lower than fifth today.

Also competing for all-state position (top eight) will be Lakeshore's Cameron Litaker (112) and Zeke Rohl (215), Niles' Mikey Robles (103) and Kade Wagley (145), Brandywine's Hunter Heath (140), Dowagiac's Wyatt Bailey (285) and South Haven's Jackson Calvert (189).

Consolation matches begin at 9 and 10 a.m. today. All finals matches begin at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling

Coloma's girls bowling team competed at the Division 3 team state finals on Friday at Jax 60 in Jackson.

The defending state champion Comets fell in the semifinals to Essexville

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Coloma's Abby Vandermolen reaches for a rebound against Hamilton's Sally Merrill during the first half of a Division 2 district final Friday.

Coloma can't stop Hamilton's Ediger in district title game

Iowa recruit scores 23 to lead team past Comets

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

COLOMA — Coloma couldn't stop Hamilton's AJ Ediger from continuing her Division 2 girls basketball district dominance on Friday.

Hamilton 42 Coloma 25

Ediger scored 23 points to lead the Hawkeyes to a 42-25 victory over Coloma. That was actually the 6-foot-1 Iowa recruit's lowest point total in three district games.

"She's a great player," Coloma coach Kim Swisher said. "We held her to 23 points. I'm going to say I'm proud as a coach because she's been averaging 35 the last two games. Holding her to 23 was pretty good for us."

Coloma (12-11) stayed close for a while, trailing just 14-10 early in the second quarter after a Marissa Sherburn 3-pointer. Sherburn led the Comets with six points.

Ediger then took over for Hamilton (14-9). She led the Hawkeyes on a 12-0 run to close the first half, scoring 10 of the points herself and assisting on the other basket.

Ediger finished with 10 rebounds, four assists and four steals. She had an answer for whatever Coloma did defensively, stepping outside to shoot when the Comets tried to keep her out of the lane.

"She is hard to guard and I would not want to coach against her," Hamilton coach Jackie Schwark said. "She can score around the rim, she showed off her mid-range game tonight, and she can knock down 3s too. It's good to have a tough kid that battles on defense, rebounds and can score on offense."

Coloma couldn't find enough offense to mount a comeback, shooting just 33 percent and committing 20 turnovers.

"If we would've made some our layups, that would've helped," Swisher said. "You don't make your layups, you kind of get down, and we just couldn't get out of that rut. They did a 2-3 zone, we had a few turnovers, it was rough.

"But they kept on fighting, and I'm proud of them for hanging with it and

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IN BRIEF

Michigan onsite sports betting will begin March 11

LANSING (AP) — The first legal sports betting in Michigan will begin next week, state regulators said Friday.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board is expected to give final approval after presentations by all three commercial casinos in Detroit this week. MGM Grand plans to go live at 1 p.m. Wednesday. It was not clear when Greektown and MotorCity casinos will start.

Online and mobile sports wagering through the Detroit casinos or tribal casinos is expected to start in 2021.

Richard Kalm, executive director of the gaming board, said staff worked hard to make the launch of in-person sports betting possible in time for March Madness, the NCAA men's basketball tournament that starts March 17.

NBA fines Cuban $500K sends teams memo on conduct

DALLAS (AP) — The NBA fined Dallas owner Mark Cuban $500,000 on Friday for "public criticism and detrimental conduct" regarding officiating. Separately, the league sent a memo to teams reminding them of rules that govern conduct of owners, coaches and other team personnel during games.

The memo laid out parameters for proper conduct by team personnel toward game officials, how team personnel other than coaches are not allowed on the court during games and how they cannot use "profane or objectionable language that might be heard by spectators" during the game.

The memo about the rules of conduct for team personnel does not mention Cuban specifically, though he typically sits near the Mavericks' bench during games.

Cuban's $500,000 fine raised the total that NBA has fined him over the years to at least $3.1 million.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs AFC Bournemouth. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** VfL Wolfsburg vs RB Leipzig. (Live) CC
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Arsenal FC vs West Ham United FC. (Live)
10:30 a.m. 26 **Girls High School Basketball** SCHSL Class A Tournament: High Point Academy vs. Military Magnet. Final. (Live)
12:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Villanova at Georgetown. (Live) 🎧
26 **High School Basketball** SCHSL Class A Tournament: Great Falls vs. Scott's Branch. Final. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Indiana. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Tennessee. (Live)
(FoxSports) **College Basketball** Marquette at St. John's. (Live)
12:25 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Burnley FC vs Tottenham Hotspur FC. (Live)
12:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **Gymnastics** American Cup. (Live) 🎧 CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Arnold Palmer Invitational, Third Round. (Live) CC
1:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Kentucky at Florida. (Live) 🎧 CC
(FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** LS Tractor :"*AA200, Qualifying. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)
1:30 p.m. (9B) **MLS Soccer** Chicago Fire at New England Revolution. (Live) CC
2:00 p.m. 7 13 41 57 **XFL Football** Seattle Dragons at Houston Roughnecks. (Live) CC
26 **Girls High School Basketball** SCHSL Class AAA Tournament: Keenan vs. Marion. Final. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Rutgers at Purdue. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Kansas at Texas Tech. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Georgia at LSU. (Live)
(FoxSports) **Women's College Basketball** Texas Tech at Oklahoma. (Live)
2:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **PGA Tour Golf** Arnold Palmer Invitational, Third Round. (Live) 🎧 CC
17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Seton Hall at Creighton. (Live) 🎧
(FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** FanShield 500, Qualifying. (Live) CC
3:15 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** UCLA at USC. (Live) 🎧 CC
3:30 p.m. 26 **High School Basketball** SCHSL Class AAA Tournament: Keenan vs. Wade Hampton. Final. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Northwestern. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Louisville at Virginia. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oklahoma State at Texas. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** LS Tractor 200. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **XFL Football** New York Guardians at Dallas Renegades. (Live) 🎧
(NBCSports) **Gymnastics** American Cup: Men's Events. (Live)
5:30 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Mountain West Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) 🎧 CC
26 **Girls High School Basketball** SCHSL Class AAAA Tournament: North Augusta vs. South Pointe. Final. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Hoag Classic, Second Round. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** North Carolina at Duke. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at TCU. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** DePaul at Providence. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. 26 **High School Basketball** SCHSL Class AAAA Tournament: Ridge View vs. Myrtle Beach. Final. (Live)
(FoxSports) **NBA Basketball** Utah Jazz at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Buffalo Sabres at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Daytona. (Live)
8:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **Boxing** Adam Kownacki vs. Robert Helenius. (Live) 🎧
50 **AHL Hockey** Tucson Roadrunners at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **UFC 248: Adesanya vs. Romero - Prelims** Sean O'Malley vs. Jose Quinones, bantamweight bout. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** OVC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
8:30 p.m. 7 13 41 57 **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Golden State Warriors. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** Butler at Xavier. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Washington at Arizona. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** WCC Tournament: TBA vs Pacific. Quarterfinal. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Stanford at Oregon. (Live) CC
12:30 a.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** WCC Tournament: TBA vs Saint Mary's (Calif.). Quarterfinal. (Live)
5:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, Final Round. (Live) CC

Sunday

7:25 a.m. (ESPN2) **Italian Serie A Soccer** ACF Fiorentina vs Brescia Calcio. (Live)
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Chelsea FC vs Everton FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Memphis at Houston. (Live) 🎧 CC
17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Michigan at Maryland. (Live) 🎧
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** ACC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
12:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **Premier League Soccer** Manchester United FC vs Manchester City FC. (Live) 🎧
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Arnold Palmer Invitational, Final Round. (Live) CC
1:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Big South Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
(FoxSports) **Women's College Basketball** Baylor at Iowa State. (Live)
2:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** MVC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) 🎧 CC
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** SEC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
2:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **PGA Tour Golf** Arnold Palmer Invitational, Final Round. (Live) 🎧 CC
3:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Atlantic Sun Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
(FS1) **XFL Football** St. Louis BattleHawks at DC Defenders. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (Live)
3:30 p.m. 7 13 41 57 **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live) CC
17 22.2 32 **NASCAR Cup Series** FanShield 500. (Live) 🎧
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** B1G Championships. (Live) CC
4:00 p.m. 50 **AHL Hockey** Rockford IceHogs at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** AAC Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
4:30 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Ohio State at Michigan State. (Live) 🎧 CC
5:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Women's Soccer** SheBelieves Cup: United States vs Spain. (Live) CC
(FoxSports) **NHL Hockey** Tampa Bay Lightning at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Hoag Classic, Final Round. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Big East Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Iowa at Illinois. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **MLS Soccer** Nashville SC at Portland Timbers. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxSports) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at New York Knicks. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Pac-12 Tournament Final: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Big East Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **XFL Football** Tampa Bay Vipers at Los Angeles Wildcats. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Colorado Avalanche at San Jose Sharks. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FS1) **MLS Soccer** Philadelphia Union at Los Angeles FC. (Live) CC

Monday

4:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Leicester City FC vs Aston Villa FC. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Lacrosse** North Carolina at Northwestern. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Southern Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** AAC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Big East Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** WCC Tournament: TBA vs Gonzaga. First Semifinal. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Horizon League Tournament: TBA vs Northern Kentucky. Second Semifinal. (Live)
11:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** WCC Tournament: TBA vs BYU. Second Semifinal. (Live)

Radio today

5:30 p.m.
College basketball — Mountain West Championship (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
8 p.m.
College basketball — Ohio Valley Championship (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Sunday

Noon
College basketball — Michigan at Maryland (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
4:30 p.m.
College basketball — Ohio State at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Tyrrell Hatton watches his shot from the seventh tee during the second round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Friday.

Hatton, Kang share lead on a tough day at Bay Hill

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tyrrell Hatton lost his swing on his back nine without losing his head, a small victory. He battled through a tough test at Bay Hill on Friday and was only surprised by what he saw when he finished.

His tidy short game was strong enough to carry him into a share of the lead with Sung Kang going into the weekend at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

"I just didn't have a clue where it was going," Hatton said after a 3-under 69 in a wind that came out of the opposite direction. "Just happy to get in the clubhouse with no damage done, really."

Kang birdied four of his last seven holes for a 68.

Rory McIlroy made a mess of No. 8 and felt he made Bay Hill harder than it was – and it was plenty difficult – for a 73 that still left him within two shots of the lead.

Matt Every thought it was awesome that his 65 in the opening round was 20 shots better than his previous round on the PGA Tour. Not so awesome was being 18 shots higher the next day, an 83 that allowed him to join the wrong list in PGA Tour annals by going from the 18-hole lead to the weekend off.

He missed the cut by one shot.

"I really didn't see this coming, to be honest," said Every, who is rarely anything but honest. "But it happens. It kind of happens to me quite a bit."

His last three rounds on the PGA Tour dating to a week ago at the Honda Classic: 85-65-83. He was he first player since Camilo Villegas in the 2013 Honda Classic to go from the first-round lead to a missed cut.

Talor Gooch fared a little better. He followed a 67 with an 80 and made the cut on the number.

Phil Mickelson, who opened with a 77, drilled a 5-iron from 239 yards away over the water to 7 feet for an eagle on the par-5 sixth to get on the cut number with three holes to play. He finished with a double bogey and missed the cut for the fourth time this year.

It's the first time in 25 years Mickelson has missed four cuts before the Masters.

"I thought it was a really hard golf course, and I enjoyed the challenge of trying to play on these type of conditions," Mickelson said. "And I'm a little frustrated that I haven't gotten off to the start his year I would like. I'm not discouraged. I don't feel like I'm that far off."

Henrik Stenson also opened with a 77. He also battled back to give himself a chance to make the cut. And he also took double bogey on his final hole to miss the cut for only the second time in 12 appearances at Bay Hill.

The average score was 74.08, the highest at Bay Hill since the opening round of 2011.

And it left a 69-man field for the weekend that is up for grabs.

Hatton and Kang were at 7-under 137, the highest score to lead at Bay Hill in 10 years.

Danny Lee had the low round of the day, a 67, that left him one shot behind.

McIlroy, Honda Classic winner Sungjae Im (69) and Harris English (70) two strokes behind at 5 under. Another shot back was a group that included Patrick Reed, who had another 70 in his bid to win his second straight tournament.

Hillmon, Brown give U-M women upset of No. 11 Northwestern

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Naz Hillmon scored 20 points, Hailey Brown added 19 and seventh-seeded Michigan upset second-seeded and 11th-ranked Northwestern 67-59 Friday night in the Big Ten Conference quarterfinals.

Michigan 67 Northwestern 59

A basket by Jordan Hamilton cut Michigan's lead to 62-59 but Brown scored the back-breaker, a 3-pointer from just outside the left corner that kissed off the backboard with 18.6 seconds to go. She also added two free throws after a Northwestern miss.

Maddie Nolan added 13 points for the Wolverines (21-10), who are making a second-consecutive appearance in the semifinals for the first time since 2001. They will face the winner of third-seeded Iowa and sixth-seeded Ohio State.

Vernonica Burton scored 15 points for the Wildcats (26-4) and Hamilton added 14.

Northwestern, which won a share of its first conference title in 30 years and set a school record for wins, had a nine-game winning streak snapped. The streak included eight- and six-point wins over Michigan. The Wildcats have never made the Big Ten championship game, losing in the semifinals in 2015 and 2018.

Hillmon scored four points and then Nolan and Brown had back-to-back 3-pointers in a 10-2 run that put Michigan on top 45-41 late in the third quarter. The Wolverines got the lead to nine the fourth quarter before Northwestern came back, three times making it a one-possession game.

Newman: 'Great to be alive' after terrifying Daytona wreck

By DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Ryan Newman was back at the track Friday, sipping on a Coke and casually strolling through the infield of Phoenix Raceway.

It was hard to believe he was in a terrifying wreck at the Daytona 500 less than three weeks ago.

"It's great to be alive," Newman said. "If you look at my car, it's a miracle."

The harrowing crash on the last lap at Daytona had many fearing the worst. To the shock of almost everyone, the 42-year-old Newman walked out of a hospital less than 48 hours after the crash and said Friday he feels "fine" during a short interview as he walked to his hauler.

Newman said he was at the track this weekend to provide support the Roush Fenway Racing team, including Ross Chastain, who has driven his car the past few weeks. He said he has "no idea" when he would return to racing and looked forward to taking advantage of having a different vantage point of the team.

"I feel like I should be able to take advantage of this crazy opportunity," Newman said.

It's been an emotional few weeks for the sport, especially drivers like Ryan Blaney and Corey LaJoie, who were directly involved in the crash. Blaney was the driver who tried to push Newman to the win at Daytona and instead hooked Newman's car that resulted in it going airborne. LaJoie's car crashed into Newman's as it careened down the track.

NASCAR has not had a fatality in its elite Cup Series since 2001.

Newman's presence in Arizona became known Thursday night when LaJoie posted to social media a picture of Newman, Blaney and himself at Arizona State's football stadium. Blaney said it was Ford team-building event and Newman surprised them at dinner.

Blaney said Newman and the Ford group talked about a wide variety of topics, including the crash, his recovery and how to keep improving the safety of the sport.

"That was the first time I've seen Ryan personally," Blaney said. "That was really cool. We sat and talked – the whole Ford group – for an hour, hour and an half when he got there. We talked about a lot of stuff. It was just nice to see him."

By Friday, he was back at the track.

"I'm here just spectating," Newman said with a grin. "Just having some fun."

FINALS

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Garber, 1,157-1,145.

Coloma qualified as the top seed after a qualifying round of eight baker games and two regular games. The Comets bowled 3,380 to second-place Clare's 3,151. Essexville Garber was rated fourth with a score of 3,011.

South Haven also competed. The Rams failed to make it out of qualifying, scoring 2,661 to finish 15th.

Individual state is held today.

Morgan Hosbein, Emily Feldten and Carissa Richmond of Coloma, as well as South Haven's Makayla Moore, will compete as individuals in the girls competition.

Area boys who qualified include South Haven's Andrew Guthrie and Coloma's Nick Santarlas in Division 3. Niles' Trenton Phillips and Drew Gourlay bowl today in the Division 2 finals.

Girls basketball

Division 3 district at Cassopolis
Brandywine 73, Decatur 25

Brandywine's girls basketball team won its sixth straight Division 3 district championship with a 73-25 rout over Decatur.

The Bobcats, who move to 22-1 on the season, will take on Kalamazoo Hackett (19-4) in a regional semifinal on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Schoolcraft.

The host Eagles (20-2) and Gobles (19-3) make up the other side of the bracket.

Decatur's season ends at 16-6.

WRESTLING

Individual state finals at Ford Field
Division 2
LAKESHORE
Cameron Litaker, 112
Champ. Round 1 – Zack Gibson (Thornapple Kellogg) (34-5) won by fall over Cameron Litaker (30-7) (Fall 5:40).
Cons. Round 1 – Cameron Litaker won by major decision over Austin Matheney (Madison Heights) (42-14) (MD 8-0).
Cons. Round 2 – Cameron Litaker won by decision over Lincoln Raczkowski (Parma Western) (46-3) (Dec 4-1).
Aaron Lucio, 119
Champ. Round 1 – Aaron Lucio (37-6) won by major decision over Jorge Rojas (Holland) (24-15) (MD 13-5).
Quarterfinal – Aaron Lucio won by decision over Peter Joseph (Milan) (20-3) (Dec 7-0).
Semifinal – Trevor Marsman (Cedar Springs) (52-1) won in sudden victory – 1 over Aaron Lucio (SV-1 9-7).
Micah Hanau, 130
Champ. Round 1 – Micah Hanau (39-4) won by major decision over Donn Bacon (St Clair) (35-14) (MD 10-0).
Quarterfinal – Micah Hanau won by major decision over Cris Perez (Allendale) (43-4) (MD 13-1).
Semifinal – Micah Hanau won in sudden victory – 1 over Rico Brown (Gaylord) (33-3) (SV-1 4-2).
Shane Williams, 135
Champ. Round 1 – Shane Williams (42-2) won by major decision over Cameron Macklem (Goodrich) (37-10) (MD 11-0).
Quarterfinal – Shane Williams won by decision over Dawson Jankowski (Lowell) (30-11) (Dec 5-1).
Semifinal – Shane Williams won by major decision over Ryan Cacicedo (Southgate Anderson) (54-2) (MD 8-0).
Case Rohl, 160
Champ. Round 1 – Doak Dean (Lowell) (32-9) won by fall over Case Rohl (20-8) (Fall 3:12).
Cons. Round 1 – Jacob Smith (Clio) 52-7 won by fall over Case Rohl (Fall 1:15).
Zeke Rohl, 215
Champ. Round 1 – Keegan Nugent (Lowell) (34-7) won by decision over Zeke Rohl (38-6) (Dec 3-0).
Cons. Round 1 – Zeke Rohl won by fall over Teveion Ethchan (Pontiac) (24-11) (Fall 1:12).
Cons. Round 2 – Zeke Rohl won by tech fall over Brendan Damiani (New Boston Huron) (39-8) (TF-1.5 3:33 (16-1)).
NILES
Mikey Robles, 103
Champ. Round 1 – Mikey Robles (29-6) won by decision over Jacob Campbell (Allen Park) (35-11) (Dec 7-2).
Quarterfinal – Grant Stahl (Mount Pleasant) (38-2) won by major decision over Mikey Robles (MD 12-0).
Cons. Round 2 – Mikey Robles won by decision over Max Montgomery (Spring Lake) (33-7) (Dec 6-0).
Jamison Zimmerman, 112
Champ. Round 1 – Jack Parker (Spring Lake) (43-2) won by decision over Jamison Zimmerman (29-7) (Dec 7-4).
Cons. Round 1 – Jamison Zimmerman won by decision over Cael Weinzweig (DeWitt) (37-6) (Dec 5-2).
Cons. Round 2 – Musa Yahia (Melvindale) (49-4) won by decision over Jamison Zimmerman (Dec 10-5).
Ryan Franco, 125
Champ. Round 1 – Ryan Franco (32-3) won by tech fall over Dawson Gessner (Gibraltar Carlson) (27-13) (TF-1.5 3:36 (15-0)).
Quarterfinal – Ryan Franco won by fall over Collin Arnt (Escanaba) (38-12) (Fall 3:39).
Semifinal – John Sosa (Gaylord) (41-2) won by fall over Ryan Franco (Fall 5:05).
Javond Ball, 135
Champ. Round 1 – Xzavier Suess (Croswell-Lexington) (48-4) won by fall over Javond Ball (29-8) (Fall 3:59).
Cons. Round 1 – Javond Ball won by decision over Nicholas Blanchard (Whitehall) (32-14) (Dec 10-4).
Cons. Round 2 – Dawson Jankowski (Lowell) (30-11) won by decision over Javond Ball (Dec 4-1).
Skylar Means, 140
Champ. Round 1 – William Link (Lowell) (29-11) won by fall over Skylar Means (22-16) (Fall 5:28).
Cons. Round 1 – Skylar Means received a bye.
Cons. Round 2 – Shenard Foster (Harper Woods) (18-1) won by fall over Skylar Means (Fall 0:52).
Kade Wagley, 145
Champ. Round 1 – Tyler Janssen (Coopersville) (52-4) won by fall over Kade Wagley (28-11) (Fall 2:33).
Cons. Round 1 – Kade Wagley won by decision over Jack Diroff (Riverview) (29-18) (Dec 6-4).
Cons. Round 2 – Kade Wagley won by fall over Shakaleb Nicholson (Redford Union) (33-8) (Fall 3:28).
ST. JOSEPH
Nolan Wertanen, 103
Champ. Round 1 – Nolan Wertanen (45-2) won by tech fall over Anjel Vasquez (Adrian) (33-10) (TF-1.5 3:13 (17-0)).
Quarterfinal – Nolan Wertanen won by decision over Dakota Forgash (Bay City John Glenn) (32-9) (Dec 7-0).
Semifinal – Nolan Wertanen won by decision over Jay Shaull (Eaton Rapids) (37-6) (Dec 5-1).
Jacob Halsey, 125
Champ. Round 1 – Ryan Goulet (Gibraltar Carlson) (39-7) won by decision over Jacob Halsey (40-8) (Dec 4-3).
Cons. Round 1 – Kyron Zoet (Thornapple Kellogg) (38-11) won by decision over Jacob Halsey (Dec 3-2).
Division 3
BRANDYWINE
Hunter Heath, 140
Champ. Round 1 – Nicholas Dodman (Sanford Meridian) (46-6) won by decision over Hunter Heath (50-3) (Dec 6-4).
Cons. Round 1 – Hunter Heath won by decision over Jared Thelen (Portland) (36-15) (Dec 8-2).
Cons. Round 2 – Hunter Heath won by fall over Kyle Yuhas (Dundee) (25-11) (Fall 1:35).
COLOMA
Caeleb Ishmael, 112
Champ. Round 1 – Hunter Keller (Richmond) (37-4) won by major decision over Caeleb Ishmael (42-10) (MD 12-2).
Cons. Round 1 – Caeleb Ishmael won by decision over D'Angelo Campos (Corunna) (29-9) (Dec 8-1).
Cons. Round 2 – Brennan McClellland (Armada) (38-7) won by decision over Caeleb Ishmael (Dec 3-0).
Ian Ishmael, 145
Champ. Round 1 – Sam Jackson (LakeVille Memorial) (49-6) won by major decision over Ian Ishmael (34-13) (MD 19-5).
Cons. Round 1 – Brock Ryan (Central Montcalm) (30-13) won by decision over Ian Ishmael (Dec 7-3).
Cole Alsup, 285
Champ. Round 1 – Cole Alsup (46-3) won by fall over Dravin Owens (St Clair Shores South Lake) (16-11) (Fall 3:09).
Quarterfinal – Cole Alsup won by fall over Jordan Tuttle (Muskegon Orchard View) (40-6) (Fall 1:52).
Semifinal – Terrance Watson (Birch Run) (44-1) won by decision over Cole Alsup (Dec 5-4).
DOWAGIAC
Jordan Simpson, 103
Champ. Round 1 – Jordan Simpson (43-9) won by decision over RJ Thome (Fremont) (47-4) (Dec 10-7).
Quarterfinal – Jordan Simpson won by decision over Joe Armstrong (Grayling) (32-7) (Dec 12-5).
Semifinal – Braeden Davis (Dundee) (37-4) won by tech fall over Jordan Simpson (TF-1.5 3:59 (19-3)).
Lamberto Paredes, 160
Champ. Round 1 – Randy Pyrzewski (Gladwin) (46-5) won by fall over Lamberto Paredes (36-15) (Fall 4:27).
Cons. Round 1 – Lamberto Paredes won by fall over Tsion Hawkins (Comstock Park) (25-20) (Fall 1:51).
Cons. Round 2 – Jacob Bozek (Grand Rapids West Catholic) 45-4 won by decision over Lamberto Paredes (Dec 4-2).
Chris Schultz, 215
Champ. Round 1 – Cody Hanson (Benzie Central) (47-5) won by decision over Chris Schultz (19-15) (Dec 4-2)
Cons. Round 1 – Kyler Kolk (Fremont) (41-10) won by decision over Chris Schultz (Dec 7-1).
Wyatt Bailey, 285
Champ. Round 1 – Dan McKiernan (Richmond) (33-5) won by fall over Wyatt Bailey (43-9) (Fall 6:00).
Cons. Round 1 – Wyatt Bailey won by fall over Zachary Parker (Shelby) (21-8) (Fall 0:59).
Cons. Round 2 – Wyatt Bailey won by fall over Jordan Tuttle (Muskegon Orchard View) (40-6) (Fall 4:53).
SOUTH HAVEN
Ray Woodall, 130
Champ. Round 1 – Ray Woodall (43-12) won in sudden victory – 1 over Kahleel Brown (Birch Run) (34-15) (SV-1 6-4).
Quarterfinal – Brock Holek (Durand) (44-0) won by decision over Ray Woodall (Dec 11-4).
Cons. Round 2 – Dylan Reiff (Constantine) 32-17 won by fall over Ray Woodall (Fall 3:51).
Trevor Winkel, 152
Champ. Round 1 – Jacob Munger (Alma) (30-15) won by fall over Trevor Winkel (42-11) (Fall 5:50).
Cons. Round 1 – Robert Skinner (Montrose) (31-8) won by decision over Trevor Winkel (Dec 10-6).
Jackson Calvert, 189
Champ. Round 1 – Jackson Calvert (44-8) won by decision over Chase Helzer (Algonac) (31-7) (Dec 14-7).
Quarterfinal – Jonathan Clack (Lake Odessa Lakewood) (50-0) won by fall over Jackson Calvert (Fall 0:20).
Cons. Round 2 – Jackson Calvert won by fall over Tim Waggoner (Caro) (34-14) (Fall 2:21).
WATERVLIET
Trever Pelton, 112
Champ. Round 1 – Luke Sherman (Millington) (40-5) won by decision over Trever Pelton (41-7) (Dec 8-1).
Cons. Round 1 – Trever Pelton won by fall over Ian Boden (Howard City Tri County) (34-21) (Fall 4:58).
Cons. Round 2 – Kaden Chinavare (Dundee) (32-9) won by major decision over Trever Pelton (MD 13-1).
Don Smith, 189
Champ. Round 1 – Noah Montanari (Richmond) (34-3) won in the ultimate tie breaker over Don Smith (25-11) (UTB 3-2).
Cons. Round 1 – Mattsen Putney (Belding) (23-12) won by fall over Don Smith (Fall 3:29).
Division 4
DECATUR
Jared Checkley, 171
Champ. Round 1 – Jared Checkley (43-3) won by decision over Clayton Henry (Rogers City) (38-10) (Dec 11-4).
Quarterfinal – Jared Checkley won by decision over Josh Pasco (Brown City) (38-4) (Dec 7-6).
Semifinal – Brock Nelson (LeRoy Pine River) (22-0) won by decision over Jared Checkley (Dec 7-1).
Braydon Ross, 285
Champ. Round 1 – Tanner Breitwisch (Hart) (41-7) won by decision over Braydon Ross (8-7) (Dec 7-2).
Cons. Round 1 – Will Felts (Clinton) 32-8 won by fall over Braydon Ross (Fall 3:37).
RIVER VALLEY
Adam Forker, 135
Champ. Round 1 – Andrew Forker (31-14) won by decision over Sam Hass (Bad Axe) (42-10) (Dec 4-2).
Quarterfinal – George Ames (Clinton) (37-9) won by fall over Andrew Forker (Fall 4:55).
Cons. Round 2 – Chris Sorrow (Hanover-Horton) (48-7) won by fall over Andrew Forker (Fall 2:41).

BOWLING

Team state finals at Jax60
Area team qualifying scores – 1. Coloma 3380, 15. South Haven 2661.
Quarterfinals – Coloma d. Hopkins 1,221-1,133.
Semifinals – Essexville Garber d. Coloma 1,157-1,145.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BUCHANAN 46, BRIDGMAN 38

BUCHANAN (46)
John Garland 1 0-0 2, Gavin Fazi 2 1-2 5, Levi Zelmer 3 0-0 9, Logan Carson 4 4-6 12, Chris Young 4 1-1 9, Brad VanOverberghe 3 0-0 9. Totals: 17 6-9 46.
BRIDGMAN (38)
Luke Blesy 1 0-0 3, Jackson Schmaltz 0 2-2 2, Jayce Warren 9 1-2 22, Henry Branch 1 0-0 2, Don Necas 2 0-0 5, Hunter Adams 2 0-0 4. Totals: 15 3-4 38.

Buchanan	**15**	**10**	**11**	**10**	**— 46**
Bridgman	**7**	**13**	**11**	**7**	**— 38**

3-point goals – Buchanan 6 (Zelmer 3, VanOverberghe 3), Bridgman 5 (Warren 3, Blesy, Necas). Total fouls – Buchanan 9, Bridgman 11. Fouled out – none.
Records – Buchanan 7-3 BCS Red, 17-3; Bridgman 7-3, 15-5.

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Coloma's Adian Allmon looks to pass while under pressure from Hamilton's Olivia Lappinga during the first half of Friday's game.

COMETS

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still pushing forward."

Sally Merrill and Justine Bronkhorst each scored eight for Hamilton. Megan Koenigshof, Megan Neubecker and Taylor Brown had four apiece for Coloma.

Coloma turned its season around after an 0-6 start, finishing with a winning record and upsetting perennial power Gobles in Southwestern Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division play.

"Going 12-5 the second half of the season, that's something to be proud of," Swisher said. "We beat Gobles, that was probably the highlight of the year for us, because in turn it made them lose the division.

"Overall I'm proud. They fought hard, there's nothing to hang their heads about tonight. Hamilton's a great team. They have a lot of seniors, and they have a girl who's going Division I."

HAMILTON 42, COLOMA 25

HAMILTON (42)
Justine Bronkhorst 4 0-0 8, Sierra Schrotenboer 1 0-0 2, Sally Merrill 3 2-3 8, AJ Ediger 8 7-8 23, Alexis VanderZwaag 0 1-2 1. Totals: 16 10-13 42.
COLOMA (25)
Megan Koenigshof 2 0-2 4, Marissa Sherburn 2 1-2 6, Megan Neubecker 2 0-0 4, Vanessa Crisenbery 1 0-0 2, Abby Vandermolen 1 0-0 2, Adian Allmon 1 0-0 3, Taylor Brown 2 0-0 4. Totals: 11 1-4 25.

Hamilton	**12**	**14**	**9**	**7**	**— 42**
Coloma	**7**	**3**	**6**	**9**	**— 25**

3-point goals – Hamilton 0, Coloma 2 (Sherburn, Allmon). Total fouls – Hamilton 5, Coloma 10. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Hamilton 31 (Ediger 10), Coloma 24.
Records – Hamilton 14-9, Coloma 12-11.

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Bright-spot Fabbri scores as Red Wings beat Blackhawks

By LARRY LAGE
AP Hockey Writer

DETROIT — Tyler Bertuzzi and Robby Fabbri scored to give the Detroit Red Wings a two-goal lead and they held on to beat the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 on Friday night.

"We have to take steps forward as individuals and as a team," Detroit coach Jeff Blashill said. "Let's do it now."

Jonathan Bernier stopped 32 shots for the Red Wings, who have an NHL-low 37 points and trail the rest of the league by 20-plus points.

"He was definitely a big difference out there, but we didn't get any luck," Chicago defenseman Duncan Keith said. "It seemed like he could see everything, even when I was shooting from the point, and he even got in front of the shots we tipped."

Patrick Kane scored his 31st goal with 1:05 left in the second period to pull Chicago within a goal. Corey Crawford had 23 saves for the Blackhawks.

Chicago is last in the Central Division despite having a winning record and its point total doubled Detroit's entering the game.

The Blackhawks had won four straight, one shy of their season high, to improve their chances of closing strong enough to earn a wild card in the playoffs.

Red Wings center Dylan Larkin said the team will try to play the role of spoilers the rest of the regular season.

"It's a lot of fun and no matter what, winning is better than losing," Larkin said.

Detroit ended its fifth six-game losing streak this season.

The Red Wings got off to a good start with Bertuzzi's goal 20 seconds into the game. Fabbri scored his 14th goal midway through the second period, putting Detroit ahead 2-0.

"Fabs has been a big spark for us," Larkin said. "He's a wiry guy and he works hard. He played the middle (center) and I thought he carried the play well."

Kane's one-timer was his 31st goal this season and it cut Chicago's deficit to a goal.

The Blackhawks had a power play midway through the third period and did not take advantage of the opportunity. They pulled Crawford late in the game to put an extra skater on the ice and could not pull into a tie to force overtime.

Chicago's Connor Murphy gingerly skated off the ice with 12 seconds left. The defenseman appeared to hurt his right leg, which took the brunt of the impact against the right post when he raced back to stop the puck from going into the empty net.

Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton said Murphy seemed to be OK.

"Our guys are battling until the end, no question," he said.

Notes: Chicago scratched D Lucas Carlsson (concussion) and D Adam Boqvist (right wrist) were scratched from the lineup. ... Blackhawks forward Zack Smith had back surgery and needs three to four months to recover. ... Bertuzzi has 19 goals, two away from matching his career high from last year. ... Detroit D Gustav Lindstrom had an assist for his first NHL point in his 14th game this season. ... Actors Jeff Daniels and Dave Coulier, both Red Wings fans, announced Detroit's starting lineup before the game in the team's dressing room. "I loved 'Dumb and Dumber' so it was great," Bertuzzi said.

UP NEXT

Blackhawks: Host St. Louis on Sunday night.

Red Wings: Host Tampa Bay on Sunday.

TITANS

From page C1

Scott Syme said. "We made a lot of mistakes that we had worked all week on not trying to do, so that was a little frustrating. All year long, the girls have never pointed fingers during adversity. They wanted this game so bad, so it's hard to be in a situation like this where you see everything fall apart. But their mental strength is something that's going to carry them far in life."

Rebekah Hisle had 13 points and six rebounds for Michigan Lutheran (21-1). Mary Mayer and Aaron James scored six points apiece for the Bison, who finish their season with a 17-5 record.

"I took over the program in July," Syme said. "I didn't have a summer to work with the kids. From the first day of practice to now was a blast. This is a great group of girls. For them to learn a new system and get to know me as a coach and have a successful season says a lot about what they're made of."

According to Briney, the Titans' work ethic made this district title possible.

"We have a great group of seniors that led in a very positive environment," Briney said. "Our defense has been a trademark, but these kids have taken it to another level. When the offense catches up to the defense, we look pretty good. Tonight was one of those nights.

"This is a very memorable group of kids. Their effort is second to none."

The Titans will face Fruitport Calvary Christian (18-3) at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the D4 regional semifinal hosted by Martin. The two teams played each other in last season's regional semifinal, with the Eagles winning 45-22.

"They got us pretty good last year," Briney said. "I think we learned a lesson from that. These seniors will be hungry to turn the tables. I think it's gonna be a pretty good game and hopefully, we're gonna give ourselves a chance like we did tonight."

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 54, NEW BUFFALO 27

M LUTHERAN (54)
Mara Rugen 12 4-4 30, Rebekah Hisle 5 3-4 13, Jessi Jewell 2 0-0 5, Hailey Conrad 1 0-0 2, Maria Rush 1 0-0 2, Abby Harris 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 7-8 54.
NEW BUFFALO (27)
Mary Mayer 3 0-0 6, Aaron James 2 1-4 6, Nadia Collins 2 1-6 5, Kelsey Cockran 1 2-2 4, Abby Vitale 1 0-0 2, Sophia DeOliveira 1 0-0 2, Clair Workman 1 0-0 2. Totals: 11 4-12 27.

M Lutheran	**23**	**14**	**15**	**2**	**– 54**
New Buffalo	**5**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**– 27**

3-point goals – M Lutheran 3 (Rugen 2, Jewell), New Buffalo 1 (James). Total fouls – New Buffalo 10, M Lutheran 10. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None. Records – M Lutheran 21-1, New Buffalo 17-5.

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SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WHIRLPOOL MIXED – Women: Karyn Fricke 580 (235), Linda Dockham 543, Carol Bickers 504, Sally Loikits 498. Men: Eric Monville 670 (247), Ben Brose 636 (246), Bryan Bishop 564 (215), Scott Ostojic 562 (203), Nick Norton 511, Steve Dockham 508, Chris Lamb 508 (200). Team score: Asparagus 2074 (719), The Bowling Stones 1981 (681).

WED. 6:30 P.M. MIXED – Milton McGee 719, DJ Pepple 704, Jarrod Hasse 695, Tyler Owen 695, Dae Dae Coleman (262), Amber Fleisher 584 (233), Heather Garrison 541, Linda Mashak 521.

THURSDAY MILLER LADIES – Pam Head 622 (221), Starla Swetay 564 (241), Alanna Swetay 520 (204), Val Villwock 507, Bobbi Smith 493. Team scores: Head/Hunter 1100, Swetay/Swetay (389).

LAKESHORE LANES

DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL – Chris Quardokus 699 (244), Jon Utter 673 (259), Paul Vance 671 (239), Jerry Knowles 669 (236), Erik Ender 666 (243), Bill Cox 661 (236), Cliff Vance 661 (257), Jason Utter 655 (237), Mark Kennedy 654 (269), Kevin Beckham 652 (246), Kevin Narregan 648 (219). Team score: Maximum Mold 2552 (879).

STARLIGHTERS – Jeremy Gitchell 623 (258), Tom Wise 579 (213), Gina Gitchell 560 (215), Kevin Huebner 556 (206), Melanee Mangold 550 (200), Laura Sokol 501.

AREA SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar. 7
Girls competitive cheer
Division 3 state finals
Berrien Springs at the DeltaPlex (Grand Rapids)
Girls bowling
Division 2 state finals
Niles girls at Century Bowl (Waterford)
Division 3 state finals
Coloma girls at Jax 60 (Jackson)
Wrestling
Individual finals at Ford Field
Monday
Monday, Mar. 9
Division 1
at St. Joseph
Lakeshore vs. Portage Northern, 5
Division 2
at Holland Christian
Benton Harbor vs. Holland Christian, 5
Coloma vs. Allegan, 7
at Edwardsburg
Dowagiac vs. Edwardsburg, 6
Division 3
at Bloomingdale
Bloomingdale vs. Hartford, 5:30
Gobles vs. Bangor, 7:30
at Bridgman
Bridgman vs. Cassopolis, 7
Division 4
at Martin
Covert vs. Holland Calvary, 6:30
at Lake Michigan Catholic
Eau Claire vs. LM Catholic, 7

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's girls district scores
Division 1
District 1
Marquette 49, Traverse City Central 35
District 2
Midland Dow 52, Midland 41
District 3
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 63, Saginaw Heritage 45
District 4
Davison 48, Grand Blanc 36
District 5
Clarkston 58, Rochester Adams 49
District 6
West Bloomfield 59, Auburn Hills Avondale 48
District 7
Walled Lake Western 45, Walled Lake Central 21
District 8
Hartland 64, Howell 46
District 9
Rockford 56, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 43
District 10
East Grand Rapids 56, East Kentwood 53
District 11
Hudsonville 60, Jenison 49
District 12
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 58, Muskegon 48
District 13
Portage Central 46, Kalamazoo Central 26
District 14
Battle Creek Central 35, Battle Creek Lakeview 34
District 15
East Lansing 44, DeWitt 24
District 16
Holt 66, Jackson 52
District 17
Brighton 63, South Lyon East 46
District 18
Saline 50, Ann Arbor Huron 44
District 19
Plymouth 51, Salem 31
District 21
Bedford 57, Gibraltar Carlson 20
District 22
Riverview 67, River Rouge 51
District 23
Dearborn 39, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 34
District 24
Detroit Cass Tech 55, Detroit King 53
District 25
Farmington Hills Mercy 66, North Farmington 40
District 26
Bloomfield Hills Marian 50, Royal Oak 39
District 27
Detroit Renaissance 56, Detroit Mumford 42
District 28
Grosse Pointe North 45, Grosse Pointe South 40
District 29
Utica Eisenhower 47, Rochester 47
District 30
Utica Ford 28, Warren Regina 12
District 31
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 50, L'Anse Creuse 24
District 32
Macomb Dakota 46, Port Huron 29

Division 2
District 33
Escanaba 52, Gladstone 48
District 34
Sault Ste Marie 58, Kingsley 43
District 35
Cadillac 35, Big Rapids 31
District 36
Standish-Sterling 68, Clare 49
District 37
Portland 49, Stanton Central Montcalm 32
District 38
Freeland 64, Bay City John Glenn 38
District 39
Frankenmuth 66, Bridgeport 29
District 40
Chesaning 44, Ovid-Elsie 26
District 41
Spring Lake 57, Montague 47
District 42
Newaygo 49, Sparta 30
District 43
Grand Rapids West Catholic 60, Holland Christian 48
District 44
Grand Rapids Christian 47, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 34
District 45
Three Rivers 48, Edwardsburg 37
District 46
Hamilton 42, Coloma 25
District 47
Grand Rapids South Christian 58, Wayland Union 41
District 48
Battle Creek Harper Creek 43, Plainwell 30
District 49
Haslett 39, Williamston 37
District 50
Marshall 46, Charlotte 28
District 51
Parma Western 45, Eaton Rapids 34
District 52
Ida 52, Tecumseh 41
District 53
Flat Rock 52, Carleton Airport 50
District 54
Dearborn Divine Child 58, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 50
District 55
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 47, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 33
District 57
St. Catherine 53, Redford Union 13
District 58
Detroit Cody 63, Detroit Comm & Media Arts 34
District 59
Warren Lincoln 52, Ferndale University 36
District 60
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 69, St. Clair Shores South Lake 13
District 61
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 32, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 26
District 62
Marine City 54, Algonac 47
District 63
Imlay City 43, Marysville 29
District 64
Lake Fenton 62, Goodrich 55

Division 3
District 65
Calumet 52, Hancock 47, 2OT
District 66
Westwood 48, Negaunee 44
District 67
Charlevoix 55, Johannesburg-Lewiston 31
District 68
Oscoda 59, Lincoln-Alcona 47
District 69
Maple City Glen Lake 69, Traverse City St. Francis 52
District 70
Manton 26, Lake City 17
District 71
Pinconning 49, Farwell 28
District 72
Hart 50, Evart 38
District 73
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 59, Saugatuck 40
District 74
Kent City 43, Morley-Stanwood 37
District 75
Ithaca 54, Blanchard Montabella 23
District 76
Pewamo-Westphalia 54, Grandville Calvin Christian 19
District 77
Niles Brandywine 73, Decatur 25
District 78
Gobles 42, Bloomingdale 32
District 79
Kalamazoo Hackett 44, Kalamazoo Christian 27
District 80
Schoolcraft 38, Centreville 31
District 81
Byron 49, Laingsburg 29
District 82
Jackson Lumen Christi 38, Leslie 30
District 83
Bronson 31, Quincy 26
District 84
Michigan Center 47, Brooklyn Columbia Central 35
District 85
Sand Creek 59, Adrian Madison 23
District 86
Blissfield 58, Erie-Mason 42
District 87
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 59, Whitmore Lake 18
District 88
Ecorse 53, Gabriel Richard Catholic 31
District 89
Dearborn Advanced Technology 48, Detroit Voyageur 30
District 90
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 49, Detroit Pershing 47
District 91
Royal Oak Shrine 60, Madison Heights Bishop Foley 43
District 92
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 59, Mount Clemens 35
District 93
Sandusky 36, Brown City 25
District 94
Flint Hamady 47, Flint Beecher 21
District 95
Hemlock 52, Reese 44
District 96
Bad Axe 47, Cass City 31

Division 4
District 97
L'Anse 39, Ewen-Trout Creek 34
District 98
Baraga 52, Chassell 26
District 99
Carney-Nadeau 44, North Dickinson 33
District 101
Engadine 55, Rudyard 49
District 102
St. Ignace LaSalle 74, Pickford 49
District 103
Mackinaw City 41, Harbor Light Christian 25
District 104
Posen 47, Hillman 43
District 105
Bellaire 44, Gaylord St. Mary 22
District 106
Suttons Bay 45, Lake Leelanau St. Mary 37
District 107
Onekama 44, Frankfort 37
District 108
McBain Northern Michigan Christian 48, Walkerville 34
District 109
Mio-Au Sable 31, Hale 30
District 110
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 57, Vestaburg 32
District 111
Saginaw Nouvel 65, Saginaw Arts and Science 35
District 112
Ubly 42, Kingston 31
District 113
Fruitport Calvary Christian 35, Muskegon Catholic Central 30
District 114
Martin 47, Zion Christian 18
District 115
St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 54, New Buffalo 27
District 116
Colon 52, Mendon 39
District 117
Calhoun Christian 35, Athens 33
District 118
Camden-Frontier 50, Hillsdale Academy 44
District 119
Litchfield 48, North Adams-Jerome 35
District 120
Fowler 42, Portland St. Patrick 34
District 121
Adrian Lenawee Christian 49, Plymouth Christian 38
District 122
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 69, Detroit Southeastern 26
District 124
Southfield Christian 43, Livingston Christian 28
District 125
Marine City Cardinal Mooney 26, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 23
District 126
Waterford Our Lady 55, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 52
District 127
Burton Genesee Christian 52, Genesee 47, OT
District 128
Deckerville 60, Peck 36

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday's men's scores

CENT. MICHIGAN 85, W. MICHIGAN 68

W. MICHIGAN (13-18)
Johnson 5-13 4-6 15, Wright 3-7 0-0 6, Artis White 3-7 1-2 9, Flowers 7-14 3-5 17, Whitens 4-6 0-0 9, Cruz 3-6 4-5 10, Barrs 0-2 0-0 0, Printy 0-1 0-0 0, Emilien 1-3 0-2 2, Boyer-Richard 0-1 0-0 0, Ikongshul 0-0 0-0 0, Toliver 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-60 12-20 68.
CENT. MICHIGAN (14-17)
DiLeo 6-12 0-2 16, Montgomery 6-8 3-4 16, Lane 3-11 4-4 10, McKay 3-7 1-2 7, Morgan 8-15 0-0 20, Winston 1-4 0-0 2, Broadway 3-8 4-4 12, Burrell 1-2 0-0 2, Redman 0-1 0-0 0, Hamlet 0-0 0-0 0, Kemp 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-68 12-16 85.
Halftime—Cent. Michigan 33-29. 3-Point Goals—W. Michigan 4-14 (Artis White 2-4, Johnson 1-1, Whitens 1-1, Boyer-Richard 0-1, Cruz 0-1, Emilien 0-1, Printy 0-1, Flowers 0-4), Cent. Michigan 11-26 (DiLeo 4-7, Morgan 4-9, Broadway 2-4, Montgomery 1-3, McKay 0-1, Lane 0-2). Rebounds—W. Michigan 33 (Johnson 9), Cent. Michigan 34 (DiLeo 8). Assists—W. Michigan 9 (Artis White 5), Cent. Michigan 17 (Winston 6). Total Fouls—W. Michigan 16, Cent. Michigan 19. A—2,264 (5,300).

EAST
Brown 64, Harvard 55
Canisius 67, Niagara 63
Fairfield 66, Manhattan 50
Penn 78, Cornell 64
Princeton 81, Columbia 58
Richmond 73, Duquesne 62
Siena 86, Monmouth (NJ) 72
St. Peter's 68, Iona 65
Yale 72, Dartmouth 61
SOUTH
Davidson 75, VCU 65
Georgia Tech 65, Clemson 62
Hampton 86, Radford 78
NC State 84, Wake Forest 64
VMI 96, Samford 78
Winthrop 78, Gardner-Webb 66
Wofford 93, The Citadel 76
MIDWEST
Akron 79, Kent St. 76
Ball St. 75, N. Illinois 54
Belmont 60, E. Kentucky 50
Bradley 64, S. Illinois 59
Buffalo 88, Bowling Green 84
Cent. Michigan 85, W. Michigan 68
Drake 77, N. Iowa 56
Ohio 67, Miami (Ohio) 65
Toledo 79, E. Michigan 57
Valparaiso 74, Loyola of Chicago 73, OT
FAR WEST
San Francisco 82, Loyola Marymount 53

Friday's women's scores

MICHIGAN 67,
NO. 11 NORTHWESTERN 59

MICHIGAN (21-10)
Brown 6-9 5-6 19, Hillmon 8-12 4-5 20, Dilk 2-9 2-5 7, Johnson 2-8 1-2 6, Nolan 5-6 0-0 13, Varejao 0-5 2-2 2, Rauch 0-1 0-0 0, Sidor 0-0 0-0 0, Team 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 23-50 14-20 67
NORTHWESTERN (26-4)
Scheid 2-6 0-0 5, Wolf 1-6 1-2 3, Burton 6-12 2-2 15, Pulliam 3-12 3-6 9, Wood 1-4 1-4 3, Shaw 3-3 0-1 6, Galernik 2-2 0-0 4, Hamilton 5-11 3-4 14, Team 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 23-56 10-19 59

Michigan	**12**	**19**	**18**	**18**	**— 67**
Northwestern	**13**	**19**	**12**	**15**	**— 59**

3-Point Goals—Michigan 7-13 (Brown 2-3, Dilk 1-2, Johnson 1-3, Nolan 3-4, Rauch 0-1), Northwestern 3-14 (Scheid 1-5, Burton 1-4, Pulliam 0-1, Hamilton 1-4). Assists—Michigan 20 (Johnson 7), Northwestern 15 (Burton 7). Fouled Out—Northwestern Pulliam. Rebounds—Michigan 38 (Johnson 2-9), Northwestern 30 (Wolf 5-7). Total Fouls—Michigan 19, Northwestern 18. Technical Fouls—None.

EAST
Harvard 63, Brown 59
Maryland 74, Purdue 62
Penn 67, Cornell 46
Princeton 77, Columbia 52
Temple 67, East Carolina 57
Yale 60, Dartmouth 42
SOUTH
Boston College 84, Duke 77
Florida St. 76, Wake Forest 47
Kentucky 86, Tennessee 65
Louisville 71, Syracuse 46
Mississippi St. 79, LSU 49
NC State 57, Georgia Tech 48
SE Missouri 114, Belmont 99
Samford 75, Furman 45
South Carolina 89, Georgia 56
Tulane 67, Tulsa 61
UNC-Greensboro 75, Mercer 73, OT
UT Martin 63, E. Illinois 52
MIDWEST
Dayton 79, Richmond 68
Fordham 54, Duquesne 47
Indiana 78, Rutgers 60
Michigan 67, Northwestern 59
N. Iowa 91, Drake 78
Ohio St. 87, Iowa 66
Providence 49, Georgetown 46
Saint Louis 65, UMass 52
VCU 58, Davidson 52
Villanova 64, Xavier 56, OT
Wichita St. 72, Houston 64
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 67, Texas A&M 66
Memphis 76, SMU 65
FAR WEST
Arizona 86, California 73
Idaho 61, Idaho St. 50
Montana St. 73, N. Colorado 63
Oregon 79, Utah 59
Pacific 67, Santa Clara 49
Pepperdine 87, Saint Mary's (Cal) 72
S. Utah 84, Montana 81, OT

GOLF

PGA Tour-Arnold Palmer Invitational
Friday
At Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Fla.
Purse: $9.3 million
Yardage: 8,400; Par: 72
Second Round

Tyrrell Hatton	68-69—137	-7
Sung Kang	69-68—137	-7
Danny Lee	71-67—138	-6
Harris English	69-70—139	-5
Sungjae Im	70-69—139	-5
Rory McIlroy	66-73—139	-5
Marc Leishman	71-69—140	-4
Patrick Reed	70-70—140	-4
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	68-72—140	-4
Sam Burns	68-72—140	-4
Brendon Todd	68-72—140	-4
Tom Hoge	70-70—140	-4
Scottie Scheffler	67-74—141	-3
Rickie Fowler	71-70—141	-3
Scott Harrington	71-70—141	-3
Collin Morikawa	70-71—141	-3
Hideki Matsuyama	69-73—142	-2
Graeme McDowell	68-74—142	-2
Stewart Cink	72-70—142	-2
Kevin Na	70-72—142	-2
Danny Willett	71-71—142	-2
Jimmy Walker	73-69—142	-2
Matt Wallace	69-73—142	-2
Keith Mitchell	68-75—143	-1
Dylan Frittelli	71-72—143	-1
Patrick Rodgers	73-70—143	-1
Matt Jones	75-68—143	-1
Charley Hoffman	70-73—143	-1
Adam Long	69-74—143	-1
Troy Merritt	71-72—143	-1
Bud Cauley	71-72—143	-1
Joel Dahmen	72-72—144	E
Rory Sabbatini	70-74—144	E
Bryson DeChambeau	73-71—144	E
Zac Blair	74-70—144	E
Harold Varner III	70-74—144	E
Lanto Griffin	71-73—144	E
Brian Gay	73-72—145	+1
Beau Hossler	73-72—145	+1
Harry Higgs	72-73—145	+1
Keegan Bradley	73-72—145	+1
Rod Perry	72-73—145	+1
Xinjun Zhang	70-75—145	+1
Scott Brown	69-76—145	+1
Billy Horschel	72-73—145	+1
Zach Johnson	72-73—145	+1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	72-73—145	+1
Brooks Koepka	72-73—145	+1
Davis Love III	72-73—145	+1
Matthew Fitzpatrick	70-75—145	+1
Doc Redman	73-73—146	+2
Vaughn Taylor	73-73—146	+2
Ian Poulter	69-77—146	+2
Kevin Chappell	72-74—146	+2
Nick Taylor	73-73—146	+2
Wyndham Clark	74-72—146	+2
Jason Kokrak	71-75—146	+2
Matthew Wolff	73-73—146	+2
Steve Stricker	72-74—146	+2
Ryan Moore	71-75—146	+2
Sam Saunders	74-73—147	+3
Byeong Hun An	71-76—147	+3
Robby Shelton	72-75—147	+3
Viktor Hovland	74-73—147	+3
Xander Schauffele	73-74—147	+3
Abraham Ancer	73-74—147	+3
Talor Gooch	67-80—147	+3
Max Homa	72-75—147	+3
Rob Oppenheim	69-78—147	+3
Missed Cut		
Anirban Lahiri	74-74—148	+4
Jim Herman	73-75—148	+4
Brendan Steele	73-75—148	+4
Cameron Champ	74-74—148	+4
Matt Every	65-83—148	+4
Matthew NeSmith	70-78—148	+4
Kevin Streelman	71-77—148	+4
Corey Conners	73-75—148	+4
Joaquin Niemann	74-74—148	+4
Lee Westwood	74-74—148	+4
Maverick McNealy	73-75—148	+4
Brian Harman	77-72—149	+5
Sebastián Muñoz	75-74—149	+5
Russell Knox	75-74—149	+5
Phil Mickelson	77-72—149	+5
Henrik Stenson	77-72—149	+5
Tony Finau	75-74—149	+5
Andrew Putnam	72-77—149	+5
Scott Piercy	71-78—149	+5
Adam Scott	77-72—149	+5
Carlos Ortiz	74-75—149	+5
Brian Stuard	77-73—150	+6
Sepp Straka	74-76—150	+6
Henrik Norlander	78-72—150	+6
Justin Rose	73-77—150	+6
Tyler Duncan	73-77—150	+6
Alex Noren	73-77—150	+6
Denny McCarthy	73-78—151	+7
Charles Howell III	75-76—151	+7
Bubba Watson	74-77—151	+7
Kevin Tway	78-73—151	+7
Charl Schwartzel	75-76—151	+7
Si Woo Kim	72-79—151	+7
Tommy Fleetwood	76-76—152	+8
Nate Lashley	79-73—152	+8
Lucas Glover	75-77—152	+8
Chun-an Yu	74-78—152	+8
Sam Ryder	75-78—153	+9
Padraig Harrington	74-79—153	+9
Mark Hubbard	74-79—153	+9
C.T. Pan	74-79—153	+9
Pat Perez	77-76—153	+9
Kevin Kisner	74-79—153	+9
Vijay Singh	77-76—153	+9
Hank Lebioda	76-78—154	+10
J.T. Poston	84-71—155	+11
Brandon Matthews	75-81—156	+12
Rafa Cabrera Bello	74-82—156	+12
Jazz Janewattananond	80-77—157	+13
Robert Gamez	83-84—167	+23

PGA Tour Champions-Hoag Classic
Friday
At Newport Beach Country Club
Newport Beach, Calif.
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 7,075; Par: 70
First Round

David Morland IV	30-31—061	-10
Ken Duke	29-34—063	-8
Scott McCarron	31-32—063	-8
David Toms	31-34—065	-6
Billy Mayfair	32-34—066	-5
Miguel Angel Jiménez	32-34—066	-5
Chris DiMarco	31-35—066	-5
Steve Flesch	31-35—066	-5
Ken Tanigawa	32-34—066	-5
Ernie Els	33-33—066	-5
Scott Dunlap	34-33—067	-4
Jay Haas	33-34—067	-4
Woody Austin	33-34—067	-4
Fred Couples	34-33—067	-4
David McKenzie	33-35—068	-3
Robert Karlsson	35-33—068	-3
John Huston	37-31—068	-3
Jesper Parnevik	34-34—068	-3
Fred Funk	33-35—068	-3
Marco Dawson	34-34—068	-3
Kenny Perry	34-34—068	-3
Larry Mize	34-35—069	-2
Tim Herron	34-35—069	-2
Kent Jones	34-35—069	-2
Kevin Sutherland	33-36—069	-2
Michael Allen	33-37—070	-1
Glen Day	35-35—070	-1
José María Olazábal	34-36—070	-1
Cliff Kresge	36-34—070	-1
Russ Cochran	33-37—070	-1
Corey Pavin	35-35—070	-1
Lee Janzen	35-35—070	-1
Scott Parel	33-37—070	-1
Paul Broadhurst	33-37—070	-1
Stephen Ames	33-37—070	-1
Bernhard Langer	34-36—070	-1
Rocco Mediate	33-37—070	-1
Brandt Jobe	35-35—070	-1
Kirk Triplett	36-34—070	-1
Gene Sauers	35-35—070	-1
Andrew Raitt	36-34—070	-1
Robin Byrd	33-37—070	-1
Kevin Baker	32-38—070	-1
Darren Clarke	35-36—071	E
Bob Estes	34-37—071	E
John Cook	34-37—071	E
Rod Pampling	34-37—071	E
Shaun Micheel	34-37—071	E
John Daly	35-36—071	E
Doug Barron	35-36—071	E
Retief Goosen	33-38—071	E
Stephen Leaney	35-36—071	E
Loren Roberts	36-36—072	+1
Tim Petrovic	36-36—072	+1
Tommy Armour III	36-36—072	+1
Paul Goydos	36-36—072	+1
Joe Durant	37-35—072	+1
Brett Quigley	34-38—072	+1
Tom Kite	35-37—072	+1
Wes Short, Jr.	39-33—072	+1
Thongchai Jaidee	35-37—072	+1
Jeff Sluman	36-37—073	+2
Ángel Cabrera	36-37—073	+2
David Frost	36-37—073	+2
Scott Verplank	37-36—073	+2
Olin Browne	38-35—073	+2
Jeff Maggert	39-34—073	+2
Jerry Kelly	33-40—073	+2
Mark O'Meara	37-36—073	+2
Tom Lehman	38-35—073	+2
Tom Byrum	37-37—074	+3
Tommy Tolles	37-37—074	+3
Steve Pate	36-38—074	+3
Billy Andrade	37-37—074	+3
Tom Pernice Jr.	38-36—074	+3
Duffy Waldorf	38-38—076	+5
Mark Calcavecchia	38-38—076	+5
Hale Irwin	39-40—079	+8

NHL

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 4, Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 0
N.Y. Rangers 6, Washington 5, OT
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Boston 2, Florida 1, OT
Nashville 2, Dallas 0
Chicago 4, Edmonton 3
Minnesota 3, San Jose 2
Los Angeles 1, Toronto 0, SO
Friday's Games
New Jersey 4, St. Louis 2
Detroit 2, Chicago 1
Winnipeg 4, Vegas 0
Arizona at Calgary
Colorado at Vancouver
Toronto at Anaheim
Saturday's Games
Carolina vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 1:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Vegas at Calgary, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

DETROIT 2, CHICAGO 1

Chicago	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**1**
Detroit	**0**	**2**	**0**	**—**	**2**

First Period—None. Penalties—Lindstrom, Det (Holding), 8:35; Mantha, Det (Tripping), 11:35; Murphy, Chi (Interference), 17:37.
Second Period—1, Detroit, Bertuzzi 19 (Daley, Larkin), 0:20. 2, Detroit, Fabbri 14 (Lindstrom, Nielsen), 10:05 (pp). 3, Chicago, Kane 31 (Toews, Saad), 18:55. Penalties—Murphy, Chi (Tripping), 8:38.
Third Period—None. Penalties—Biega, Det (Hooking), 11:19.
Shots on Goal—Chicago 9-7-17—33. Detroit 9-11-5—25.
Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 3; Detroit 1 of 2.
Goalies—Chicago, Crawford 15-19-3 (25 shots-23 saves). Detroit, Bernier 14-21-3 (33-32).
A—19,515 (20,000). T—2:20.
Referees—Mitch Dunning, Tim Peel. Linesmen—Greg Devorski, Kiel Murchison.

NBA

Thursday's Games
Denver 114, Charlotte 112
L.A. Clippers 120, Houston 105
Phila. 125, Sacramento 108
Toronto 121, Golden State 113
Friday's Games
Washington 118, Atlanta 112
Brooklyn 139, San Antonio 120
Oklahoma City 126, New York 103
Indiana 108, Chicago 102
Utah 99, Boston 94
Orlando 132, Minnesota 118
Dallas 121, Memphis 96
New Orleans 110, Miami 104
Portland at Phoenix
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers
Saturday's Games
Houston at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phila. at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Chicago at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

David Morland IV shoots 61 to take Hoag Classic lead

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Monday qualifier David Morland IV shot a 10-under 61 on Friday at Newport Beach Country Club to take a two-stroke lead in the PGA Tour Champions' Hoag Classic.

"Nice stroll in the park," the 50-year-old Canadian said.

Morland had five birdies on each nine, closing with a birdie on the par-5 18th. He was a stroke off the course record set by Tom Purtzer in 2004 and matched by Nick Price in 2011 and Duffy Waldorf in 2015.

"I've been playing well for a few months now," Morland said. "Finished second in the Jamaican Open in December and then I finished second at the Q-school for the European Senior Tour, so I've got full status over there this year, and finished third and first at the other two tournaments over there. Naples, I lost in a playoff to get in, and then, obviously, got in this week and just making the most of it."

He qualified for the event Monday at Goose Creek in a fire-shortened round, with ties broken by matching scorecards.

"It's the craziest thing," Morland said. "I've got video. We were on the 18th hole, I think I was 3 under for the day and the chopper was picking up water right in front of us and dropping it on the fire. The flames looked about 20 to 30 feet and they said you've got to evacuate the property. So we were sending our scorecards in by picture because they wouldn't let us back on the property."

Defending Charles Schwab Cup champion Scott McCarron and Ken Duke were tied for second. They each had an eagle – McCarron on the par-5 third and Duke on the par-4 fifth.

"It was a pretty solid round all day long," said McCarron, a former UCLA player. "I drove it pretty well, I hit a couple real close shots like a couple inches on a couple holes. It's always nice to have birdies where you're just tapping in. Played the par 5s very well. Just one hiccup, a three-putt."

The 51-year-old Duke is in his second season on the senior tour.

"I'm very happy where I am today," Duke said. "Been struggling for the first rounds and finally we kind of made a little different game plan."

David Toms shot 65, and Ernie Els was at 66 with Miguel Angel Jimenez, Chris DiMarco, Steve Flesch, Ken Tanigawa and Billy Mayfair.

"My body feels good, swing feels pretty good, too, so I had a nice day," Els said. "It's tough putting. The greens are quite tricky this afternoon, but I feel like I'm hitting it nice."

Fred Couples topped the group at 67. The 2010 and 2014 winner eagled Nos. 3 and 18.

"I had two eagles and a birdie on the par 5s and that was it," Couples said. "I bogeyed the par 3. So it wasn't real good on some of the shorter par 4s. I've got to be a little better, maybe get a few more birdie putts on those holes. But again, the par 5s were a blessing, I played them 5 under."

Bernhard Langer, the 62-year-old German star coming off a victory last week in Tucson, Arizona, opened with a 70. He won the 2008 tournament.

Defending champion Kirk Triplett also shot 70.

Cubs' Darvish feeling better after sick day

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Amid widespread concern about the coronavirus, Chicago Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish decided to be extra careful after he developed a cough this week.

The Japanese right-hander visited with at least two doctors and stayed away from the team for a day before throwing three innings in a simulated game Friday.

Darvish said he started to cough after practice Wednesday.

He was still coughing and sneezing a little bit on Thursday

The sports world has been anxiously monitoring the virus outbreak.

SULLIVAN

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"It's a good next step for him to get in against hitters wearing other jerseys."

The Cubs didn't want to make it too big of a deal. Epstein stayed back at the Cubs complex and watched it on TV.

"I'm not looking for ninth-inning Craig Kimbrel today," manager David Ross said beforehand. "There's still a build-up process that's going to take place all spring. But he's excited to get out there on the bump."

Kimbrel pitched the fourth inning of a 6-6 tie against the Reds, serving up a solo home run and striking out two while averaging 95-96 mph on his fastball. He looked much the same with his crab-like stance before delivering pitches, though he trimmed his beard quite a bit, going from "shaggy chic" to sort of distinguished looking.

Kimbrel began his outing by striking out Joey Votto before serving up a solo home run to Derek Dietrich on a 95-mph fastball. Shogo Akiyama was retired on a grounder to first that almost turned into an infield hit when Akiyama nearly outraced Kimbrel to the bag.

Tucker Barnhart then hit a routine grounder that David Bote botched at second, but Kimbrel struck out Phillip Ervin on a 96-mph fastball to end his day. Kimbrel said "there should be" more in the tank and was pleased with the performance.

"Everything overall, other than one pitch," he said, referring to the home run. "It was a good outing."

One of the reasons Kimbrel doesn't pitch earlier in Cactus League games, he said, is because he doesn't want to "try to do too much" and turn on the adrenaline before he's ready at the start of the season. His next appearance will be Sunday against the Diamondbacks at Sloan Park.

The Cubs are counting on Kimbrel – a seven-time All-Star with 346 career saves – to return to form in 2020, and they have no obvious backup plan. Sure, Jeremy Jeffress was a former closer with the Brewers, and Rowan Wick might be the Cubs' closer of the future.

But neither is expected to pitch the ninth this season unless Kimbrel is unavailable or something disastrous occurs. In other words, it's Kimbrel or bust.

Was it difficult to shake off the bitter ending in 2019, or was it all just part of being a closer?

"That's all I can do," Kimbrel said. "I don't have a choice."

Poom.

Paul Sullivan is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

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Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Misfortune abounds at Alabama contest

Dave Mull

PELL CITY, Ala. — The inaugural Huk Bassmaster B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak Series contest happened on Logan Martin Lake near here Thursday. The winner of the one-day bass tournament was to be announced Friday in front of an expected 20,000 people set to watch Bassmaster Classic weigh-in in Birmingham, Alabama.

Yours truly drove 12 hours from Michigan to Alabama on Tuesday last week to do some photo and writing for the Bassmaster organization and to fish in the tournament.

I would have loved to have won the $10,000 top prize or even the $200 given to 30th place. Alas, I only managed to top half of the 232 entrants with a 112th-place finish.

I caught just two bass on a rainy, blustery day.

I even managed to make the day tougher on myself.

First the tournament was set to begin at 6 a.m., but I got on the water two hours late because I forgot to grab my identifier at the tournament contestant meeting Wednesday night. The identifier is the tag that has to be in the picture of your fish on the measuring device to prove you caught the fish on the day of the tournament.

I didn't realize it my error until I got to the ramp Thursday morning. I was almost on time and would have been right on time but I unknowingly had asked Google Maps take me to the wrong ramp.

I had to backtrack about six miles, whereupon I realized I hadn't grabbed the identifier the night before.

So I had to track down tournament director Steve Owens and get the little piece of paper. I thought maybe the bad, late start would bode well – I usually do better in tournaments after I have a bad start.

This feeling of future success continued after I finally launched my kayak. On my fourth or fifth cast, I caught a dandy 17.25-inch spotted bass on a bottom hugging Zeeka rig with a straight soft plastic Senko. I fished it by casting upstream into the current and letting the bait bounce bottom back to me while I maintained kayak position by pedaling directly upstream.

But two hours later I caught just my second bass and soon thereafter lost another dandy. Those two fish hit Keitech Swing Impact swim bait. I did catch four small white bass (only black bass species largemouth and spotted

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Regional efforts find unique ways to combat invasive species

By JOANNE FOREMAN
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

From the northern lakes and forests to the coastal dunes and southern plains, Michigan is home to diverse landscapes and ecosystems.

Natural resource challenges can differ by region, and this is true especially when it comes to managing invasive species – those that are not native and can cause harm to the economy, environment or human health.

To address the diversity of needs across the state, the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program annually supports Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas. CISMAs, as they commonly are called, are groups of nonprofit and government agencies, businesses and volunteers working together to identify and respond to invasive plants, animals and diseases that affect high-value resources in their areas.

"These community-driven organizations are the heart of Michigan's invasive species program," said Tammy Newcomb, senior water policy advisor with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "While the DNR and the departments of Agriculture and Rural Development and Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy provide the framework, CISMAs provide the local action and leadership to make things happen in our communities."

CISMAs can offer a range of services including information on preventing, identifying, reporting and managing invasive species. A map of CISMA regions and contact information for local offices is available at Michigan.gov/Invasives under the "Local Resources" tab.

Addressing local concerns

Different factors, including geography and human movement, affect where invasive species take hold. CISMAs survey land and water to understand invasive species issues. These assessments help each group prioritize where prevention and management efforts will be most effective in reducing economic, environmental or human health effects.

For the Oakland County CISMA, battling phragmites is job one. The tall, invasive reed is widespread

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Red-shouldered hawks enjoy local forests

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Red-shouldered hawks inhabit our larger forests, and prefer wooded swamps and floodplain forests. In Southwest Michigan, this medium-sized hawk can be found along wooded areas of the St. Joseph River, and along the Galien River basin where such habitat is abundant.

The red-shouldered hawk belongs to the genus buteo, of which the common red-tailed hawk and the winter resident rough-legged hawk are also classified.

Don Schneider photographed two red-shouldered hawks in late February at his Royalton Twp. home off Bacon School Road. I have seen these individuals myself all year long and I believe they nest in the woods along the St. Joseph River.

Red-shouldered hawks at the time of European settlement were the most abundant buteo hawk in Michigan, as they thrived on the vast forests which covered the region. As the forests were cut down, the red-tailed hawk became the more common buteo species, as it prefers open areas interspersed with small woodlots.

Over the last couple decades, local red-shouldered hawk populations have increased as second-growth forests have matured. The red-shouldered hawk is considered a good indicator species of a healthy forest. Both the barred owl and the pileated woodpecker are also good indicators, as both utilize the same forest habitat.

In summer, the species ranges as far north as the northern shore of Lake Superior in Canada. Populations in northern Michigan fly south for the winter, and begin their northward trek in February and March.

Photo provided / Don Schneider

Two red-shouldered hawks perched amidst a snowy scene in Royalton Twp. in February.

Populations south of the Muskegon to Bay City latitude generally overwinter, as is the case with the birds in Schneider's photos.

Since last week I have received reports that local groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, have emerged from hibernation. Pete Kossick of Royalton Township reported two of these common mammals last week along the banks of the St. Joseph River.

At least two long-tailed ducks were seen at close

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Photo provided / Linda Kotecki

A flock of northern cardinals on Feb. 6 in Almena Twp.

SKI REPORT

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — Latest skiing conditions, as supplied by SnoCountry Mountain Reports. Conditions are subject to change due to weather, skier/rider traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions. For more information go to www.snocountry.com

Michigan

Bittersweet — Wed 5:46p machine groomed 20 – 26 base 19 of 20 trails 95 percent open, 7 of 12 lifts, Mon: 9a-10p Tue-Thu: 10a-10p: Fri: 10a-10:30p Sat: 9a-10:30p; Sun: 9a-9p.

Swiss Valley – Wed 8:45a machine groomed 24 – 24 base 8 of 11 trails 73 percent open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-9:30p Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-7p.

Timber Ridge – Wed 8:33a machine groomed 12 – 12 base 16 of 16 trails 100 percent open, 9 of 9 lifts, Tue/Wed: 1p-9p Thu/Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-7p; Open Tue-Sun.

Alpine Valley – Wed 5:39p machine groomed 12 – 18 base 18 of 25 trails 72 percent open, 4 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-9p.

Big Powderhorn – Wed 4:42p machine groomed 30 – 60 base 40 of 44 trails 91 percent open, 7 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Big Snow Resort – Wed 8:58a machine groomed 36 – 36 base 30 of 56 trails 54 percent open, 240 acres, 4 of 15 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p.

Boyne Highlands – Wed 5:51p machine groomed 52 – 52 base 53 of 55 trails 96 percent open, 435 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p, Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9-4:30p.

Boyne Mountain – Wed 8:34a machine groomed 42 – 42 base 49 of 60 trails 82 percent open, 351 acres, 7 of 12 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Caberfae Peaks – Wed 8:35a machine groomed 52 – 52 base 33 of 34 trails 97 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon: 10a-5p; Tue-Thu: 10a-8p; Fri: 10a-10p Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-8p.

Cannonsburg – Wed 5:56p variable machine groomed 48 – 48 base 20 of 22 trails 91 percent open, 3 of 10 lifts, Mon-Thu: 4p-9p Fri: 4p-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-9p.

Crystal Mountain – Wed 7:55a machine groomed 44 – 52 base 58 of 58 trails 100 percent open, 98 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat/Sun: 9a-9p.

Marquette – Wed 8:39a packed powder machine groomed 18 – 18 base 27 of 27 trails 100 percent open, 4 of 4 lifts, Tue-Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 10a-8p; Sun: 10a-5p Open Tue-Sun.

Mont Ripley – Wed 8:02a variable machine groomed 48 – 48 base 21 of 24 trails 88 percent open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Thu: 3p-9p; Fri: 1p-9p; Sat/Sun: 10a-5p.

Mount Bohemia – Wed 8:22a packed powder 34 – 34 base 105 of 106 trails 99 percent open, 620 acres, 2 of 2 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-5p.

Mt Brighton – Wed 9:55a machine groomed 30 – 30 base 20 of 25 trails 80 percent open, 100 acres, 7 of 13 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-8p.

Mt Holiday – Wed 8:32a machine groomed 12 – 12 base 6 of 12 trails 50 percent open, 3 of 4 lifts, Tue-Thu: 4p-8p Fri: 4p-9p; Sat: 10a-9p Sun: 11a-5p; Open Tue-Sun.

Mt Holly – Wed 8:36a packed powder machine groomed 28 – 42 base 20 of 20 trails 100 percent open, 9 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-9p.

Mulligans Hollow – Reopen 03/06 Fri: 11a-6p Sat/Sun: 11a-6p; Open Fri-Sun Mar 15: Last day.

Nubs Nob – Wed 9:29a machine groomed 36 – 54 base 53 of 53 trails 100 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon, Wed/Thu: 9a-9p; Tue: 9a-4:30p Fri: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sat: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Pine Knob – Wed 8:41a machine groomed 48 – 48 base 17 of 17 trails 100 percent open, 10 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10ap-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p.

Pine Mountain – Wed 8:28a machine groomed 10 – 120 base 33 of 33 trails 100 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon/Thu: 10a-4p Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Mon.

Shanty Creek – Wed 8:43a machine groomed 18 – 60 base 42 of 42 trails 100 percent open, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Ski Brule – Wed 8:06a 1 new machine groomed 48 – 56 base 17 of 17 trails 100 percent open, 150 acres, 6 of 12 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-4p/4:30a-7:30p; Sat: 9a-4p/4:30p-7:30p Sun: 9a-4p.

Treetops – Wed 2:26p machine groomed 20 – 35 base 23 of 23 trails 100 percent open, 80 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Thu: 4p-8p; Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-5p; Open Thu-Sun.

Harbor Country Hikers

Amber Flatwoods hike: 1 p.m. March 21 at Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve in Michigan City. The ecosystem harbors several plant species that are typical of more northern latitudes, leftovers from the last ice age. Comfortable weather boots are recommended for a three-mile moderate hike. For more information, visit harborcountryhikers.com.

Warren Dunes State Park

Volunteer stewardship workdays: 1-4 p.m. March 15 – meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground.
10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21 and 28 – meet at the parking area at the Floral Lane entrance. Volunteers will help remove non-native woody bushes and vines from the state park. No experience is necessary and volunteers will be trained to identify target species. For more information contact Heidi Frei at freih@michigan.gov.

Sarett Nature Center

Junior naturalist: 10 a.m.-noon March 21. A club for kids ages 7-12 who are really interested in nature. Find out what it means to be a Sarett naturalist, learn about the animals of Sarett, and do projects. Other meetings April 18 and May 23. Cost is $6 per session. Call 927-4832 to register. Membership is required.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Andrea Wulf lecture: 2-3:30 p.m. March 22. Wulf, an award-winning author, will speak about scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt. Cost is $40 ($32 for members). Students free (registration required, bring student ID).

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Combo hunter safety/ bow hunter safety class: 6-9 p.m. April 6-8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. April 11. Cost is $10, and all dates must be attended to receive certificates. Call Dan at 277-4789 to register.

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.colomarodandgunclub.com.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 6-10 p.m. March 12; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. March 15. Register from 6-7 p.m. March 10. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.

Michigan DNR photo

Kudzu, an invasive vine found throughout southern states, has covered trees and structures in this backyard in Decatur.

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in the busy transportation hubs of southeast Michigan. The CISMA and the county road commission work together to target phragmites in the road rights-of-way, where growth can obstruct visibility, clog ditches and hamper snow removal. The partnership has streamlined contracts and permits and boosted funding to expand roadside phragmites management to the entire county.

Red swamp crayfish became an issue for the Barry, Calhoun and Kalamazoo CISMA when an infestation was discovered in Sunset Lake in Kalamazoo County in 2017. At the same time, the invasive crayfish were discovered in southeast Michigan, primarily in man-made retention basins and private ponds in Novi and Farmington Hills.

"We haven't found the crayfish in any other lakes or wetlands in the Kalamazoo area, but we will be bringing on a technician this summer to expand crayfish trapping in the lake and to survey surrounding areas," said Fallon Januska, Barry, Calhoun and Kalamazoo CISMA coordinator.

Nor Serocki, coordinator of the Southwest by Southwest Corner CISMA, serving Van Buren, Berrien and Cass counties, didn't expect to be battling kudzu, the fast-growing vine that has overtaken forests in southern U.S. states. However, surveys in 2018 confirmed three infestations in the region.

"It's clear that these patches have been there for a while," said Serocki. "Heavy growth is starting to smother and kill trees."

The CISMA is starting a three-year kudzu treatment program this summer in hopes of eradicating the invasive vine. Kudzu has been found in only two other locations in the state – near South Haven in Allegan County and near Frankfort in Benzie County, where treatments are also underway.

Forging local partnerships

CISMAs are, by nature, collaborative organizations. Their partnerships grow each year to encompass more businesses, agencies and individuals who are recognizing or dealing with the impacts of invasive species. CISMAs thrive by coordinating partner efforts and sharing resources to reduce costs and increase capacity for outreach, monitoring and treatment.

The Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmett CISMA is coordinating with the City of Petoskey's parks and recreation department to survey and treat a severe infestation of black swallow-wort in the Bear River Valley Recreation Area and surrounding neighborhoods. The invasive vine, a relative of native milkweeds, can attract monarch butterflies to lay their eggs, but caterpillars will die shortly after hatching and eating this poisonous plant.

The city and CISMA are working to encourage homeowners to treat the invasive vine on their properties.

"Invasive species know no boundaries, so it is important to have the ability to fight them on public and private lands at the same time to avoid re-infestation," said Ben VanDyke, Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmett CISMA coordinator.

The CISMA is offering to cover 50 percent of treatment costs for landowners in the area.

Over the past three years, the Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmett CISMA has been working with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians to survey and manage invasive species in the Beaver Island Archipelago in northern Lake Michigan. Despite their isolation, the islands are experiencing infestations of phragmites and the invasive plants Japanese knotweed, glossy buckthorn and garlic mustard.

Beaver Island is home to some very active volunteers dedicated to eradicating invasive species. VanDyke recognized the difficulty in providing adequate support to the community due to high travel costs. To meet the need, the Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmett CISMA secured funding for two interns who will be stationed on the island in summer 2020.

"We are working with local leaders to pinpoint specific education, survey and treatment needs the interns can address during their stay," said VanDyke. "We hope that the internship program will strengthen the CISMA's presence on the island as a public resource."

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Natural Resources Department and the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area work together to address invasive species across Keweenaw, Houghton and Baraga counties.

Combining resources, including mobile boat washes and expertise on invasive species control, the group works to survey and treat species threatening native plant populations, which are highly regarded for their ecological, cultural and medicinal value.

One shared target is Japanese barberry, which competes for habitat with ginger root, used as both a spice and a natural heart medicine. Removal of barberry thickets and replacement with native species enhances ecological value, decreases habitat for Lyme disease-carrying ticks, discourages other invasive species and provides opportunities for gathering.

The Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network, serving Manistee, Benzie, Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties, is battling Japanese barberry by offering a plant take-back program. Though not prohibited in Michigan, the popular green to maroon shrub with sharp thorns and bright red berries is spread easily by birds into forests and surrounding landscapes.

Homeowners who remove the plant from their gardens and bring it to the CISMA's event for disposal are offered gift certificates to purchase new, non-invasive plants as replacements. The certificates are valid at retail outlets that have joined the CISMA's Go Beyond Beauty campaign by removing plants with invasive habits from their shelves.

Tailoring outreach to the community

CISMA coordinators agree that public outreach is perhaps the most important part of their work.

"When people understand that something is a problem in their community, most will do whatever it takes to help out," said Nick Cassel of Three Shores CISMA, serving the eastern Upper Peninsula.

In addition to presentations, press releases and social media, CISMAs have found unique ways to engage the public in identifying, reporting and managing invasive species.

Over the years, Cassel has shifted the focus of public workshops from general invasive species information to more directed programs.

"We think a lot about demographics, species and timing," said Cassel. "We focus on a species that's flowering or highly visible at the time, one that people in the community are likely to see in their backyards, by their docks or along the roadside."

Patrick Scanlon, who coordinates a CISMA serving Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston and Shiawassee counties, agrees that focusing on things people can see for themselves can be an effective approach to invasive species education.

"My favorite events involve getting people outside for hands-on educational opportunities," Scanlon said.

He uses guided kayak tours to get participants immersed in the beauty of local waterways while learning about the threats invasive species pose to recreation and the environment. People can see and sometimes touch invasive species while directly witnessing their effects on local waterways – a lesson that resonates far beyond the classroom.

One species gaining attention in the Upper Peninsula is wild parsnip, a tall, yellow-flowered plant in the carrot family. Its stem, leaves and flowers contain chemicals that can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe rash or blistering in some people.

"People care about this species not only because they see it more and more, but also because some have gotten blisters or burns from the plant," said Cassel. "It's important to identify and avoid wild parsnip. Carefully removing young plants and avoiding mowing after seeds have formed can reduce the plant's spread."

North Country CISMA, spanning Mason, Lake, Osceola, Mecosta, Wexford and Missaukee counties, takes advantage of events like the Mecosta County Chamber of Commerce's arts and crafts festival to offer walking tours through areas with known invasive species and areas where the CISMA is working to control infestations.

"People are willing to take a short, 45-minute walk through Hemlock Park in Big Rapids and a little jaunt through a nearby neighborhood to see invasive plants up close, both in the wild and in residential landscapes," said coordinator Vicki Sawicki. "It's a great opportunity to teach people how to identify invasives they might encounter and explain how they can be managed."

Here to help

In 2019, Michigan's CISMAs conducted surveys on nearly 37,000 acres of land and water and managed 3,892 acres for phragmites, Japanese knotweed, European frog-bit and other regional priority species. CISMAs actively promote landowner management of invasive species through workshops and hands-on training in chemical application and manual removal methods. Many of the organizations have additional programs such as tool lending and cost-share opportunities to help landowners tackle invasive species on their own properties.

Cassel is convinced that CISMAs' efforts have made an impact throughout the state.

"After several years of outreach on invasive species, people understand the general issue," he said. "They want to know what we can do locally – and that is the role of the CISMAs. We connect and focus on specific species they know of and locations they can relate to, then show them how they can take action."

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bass were the tournament quarry).

To top it all off, I quit two hours early because I got sick, just due to lack of sleep, forgetting to eat, dealing with a chest cold for the last week and the cold, rainy, rainy, rainy tournament. Discovering my trusty rainsuit no longer kept all the rain on the outside didn't help.

It was good to get a bad tournament out of the way, I guess, and being a part of this one was worth the drive and tournament day misfortune. It was extremely well-run and a lot of fun.

This first BASS event was a "Who's Who" of kayak anglers with several people I knew only from Youtube videos also competing.

The next one in the BASS Nation Series is next Saturday, March 14, on Lake Fork in Texas and I'll be there, too.

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range at Silver Beach in St. Joseph over the last week by several observers, including Love Creek County Park chief naturalist Derek Pelc on March 1. The long-tailed duck generally stays out at sea, or out in the Great Lakes away from land, so sightings from shore are noteworthy.

Linda Kotecki of Almena Twp. in Van Buren County sent in a nice photo of about a dozen northern cardinals seeking shelter on a snowy day last month in her ornamental burning bush.

This popular songbird has already begun the nesting process in southern Michigan. Male cardinals have been vocalizing for the last few weeks and females will soon be incubating eggs in the southern part of Michigan.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

Ice quality will deteriorate quickly this week. Anglers will need to use extreme caution on any remaining ice. The warm weather may push steelhead upstream, especially in the St. Joseph and the Kalamazoo rivers. Water levels were pretty much normal but may increase as the snow melts.

New Buffalo: Pier anglers continue to target coho when using spawn on the bottom.

Galien River: Continues to produce a few coho near the mouth.

St. Joseph River: Water levels were up, but the clarity is good for this time of year. The fish ladders have been cleaned of all debris. The fish cam at the Berrien Springs ladder is up and running. Good numbers of steelhead were observed moving up the fish ladder at Berrien Springs, including a mix of fresh fish and those that have been in the river for a while. Fishing pressure at the dam was light. No steelhead or anglers were observed at the Niles or Buchanan fish ladders.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: The fish ladder at the 6th Street Dam has been cleaned out. A couple boats were seen below the dam and a few shore anglers on both sides between I-96 and the dam. Steelhead were caught on spawn or wobble glo's up near the dam.

Walleye were caught around the Fulton Street Bridge and up along the east wall between the dam and S-Curve bridge on U.S. 131 when using a white or chartreuse twister tail. The Rogue River continues to produce steelhead for those using a jig with a wax worm.

– Michigan DNR, March 5

Solution for a scourge? University of Minnesota scientist is progressing with carp-killer tool

By TONY KENNEDY
Star Tribune (Minneapolis) (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Erickson followed his love of science to outer space one summer during an internship at NASA. He came away fascinated by seeing into deep space by interpreting interaction between matter and infrared radiation.

Now a full-fledged researcher at the University of Minnesota's College of Biological Sciences, the 25-year-old Alaska native is immersed in something far more earthly: killing carp. His fast-moving genetic engineering project is drawing attention from around the country as a potential tool to stop the spread of invasive carp.

"I want to make a special fish," Erickson said in a recent interview at Gortner Laboratory in Falcon Heights.

In short, he plans to produce batches of male carp that would destroy the eggs of female carp during spawning season. The modified male fish would spray the eggs as if fertilizing them. But the seminal fluid – thanks to DNA editing – would instead cause the embryonic eggs to biologically self-destruct in a form of birth control that wouldn't affect other species nor create mutant carp in the wild.

His goal is to achieve the result in a controlled setting using common carp. From there, it will be up to federal regulators and fisheries biologists to decide whether to translate the technology to constrain reproduction of invasive carp in public waters.

"What we're developing is a tool," Erickson said. "If we could make this work, it would be a total game-changer."

Supervised by University of Minnesota assistant professor Michael Smanski, Erickson recently received approval to accelerate his project by hiring a handful of undergraduate assistants. He also traveled last month to Springfield, Ill., to present his research plan to the 2020 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

"We're pretty excited about where his project is at," said Nick Phelps, director of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the U. "Things are sure moving fast. There's excitement and caution."

Erickson's research has received funding from Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. No breeding populations of invasive carp have been detected in Minnesota, but the Department of Natural Resources has confirmed several individual fish captures and the agency has worked to keep the voracious eaters from migrating upstream from the lower Mississippi River. Silver carp, bighead carp and other Asian carps pose a threat to rivers and lakes in the state because they would compete with native species for food and habitat.

Erickson views his birth control project as one possible piece in the university's integrated Asian carp research approach to keep invasive carp out of state waters. Already the DNR has supported electric barriers and underwater sound and bubble deterrents at key migration points. Another Asian carp-control milestone was closing the Mississippi River lock at Upper St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis in 2015.

'Shooting star'

Growing up in Anchorage, Erickson had never heard of Macalester College in St. Paul. But he visited the campus at the urging of a friend and felt like he fit in. He majored in chemistry and worked for a year at 3M in battery technology. But his interests tilted toward the natural world and how to "better live in cooperation with nature," he said. Erickson met with Smanski about research opportunities at the university and was hired on the spot.

Smanski, one of the university's top biological engineers, said carp is not an easy organism to work with and Erickson lacked experience in the field. But he hired the young researcher and assigned him to the carp birth control project because he seemed to have a rare blend of determination and intelligence.

"I could tell right away when I was talking to him that he was like a shooting star," Smanski said. "If you set a problem in front of him, he won't stop until he solves it … He's taken this farther than anyone else."

In two short years, Smanksi said, Erickson has mastered genetic engineering to the point that his research is starting to bear fruit.

With his new complement of research assistants, Erickson aims to clear his project's first major hurdle sometime this year. The challenge is to model his experiment in minnow-sized freshwater zebrafish. The full genetic code of zebrafish – like common carp – is already known.

Erickson's task is to make a small change to the DNA sequence of male zebrafish, kind of like inserting a DNA cassette into the fish, he said. During reproduction, the alteration will create lethal overexpression of genes in the embryonic eggs laid by females.

By analogy, Erickson said, the normal mating process is like a symphony with a single conductor turning on genes inside each embryo, Erickson said. But the DNA modification sends in a mess of conductors and the mixed signals destroy each embryo within 24 hours.

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A woman walks along the ice-covered north pier in St. Joseph in late January.

January and February: A Second Look

Photos from the files of Herald-Palladium Photographer Don Campbell

Eula Omar, Jessica Gray's aunt, joins supporters during a rally and walk held in February at the Benton Township Police Department. Gray has been missing since early December.

Aubree Windmon, 8, at right, and Taylor Washington, 9, in back, play the drums with students from River of Life Christian School during an African dance Feb. 12 at the African American History & Literature Gallery in Benton Harbor. Students visited the gallery to learn about black history as part of Black History Month.

Lakeshore basketball players are introduced at the start of a game against St. Joseph on Feb. 7 at Lakeshore High School.

Hundreds of people gather Feb. 1 during the Berrien County Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan held at Watermark Brewing Company in downtown Stevensville.

ABOVE: Magician Anthony Grupido laughs with students during a program focusing on mental wellness and coping skills in January at St. Joseph High School.

AT LEFT: An ice sculpture by Matthew Stoddart is on display Feb. 1 during the 16th annual Magical Ice Fest in downtown St. Joseph.

FAR LEFT: Richard Veit portrays Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 17 during a Presidents Day celebration at Coloma Public Library.

How can we get the Social Security scammers to stop calling?

Sara Duris
Generations

Q My grandmother keeps getting calls claiming to be from Social Security. I tell her these are scams to get information from her. Is there anything that can be done?

A Social Security and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continue to receive reports about fraudulent phone calls from people claiming to be Social Security employees.

The scammers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments for help with purported identity theft, or to avoid arrest for bogus Social Security number problems.

People should also be on the lookout for a new version of this scam. Fraudsters are now emailing fake documents in attempts to get people to comply with their demands.

Victims have received emails with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the OIG. The letters may use official letterhead and government jargon to convince victims they are legitimate. They also may contain misspellings and grammatical mistakes.

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people – generally those who have ongoing business with the agency – by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency.

If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency. Social Security will not:

- Tell you your Social Security number has been suspended.
- Contact you to demand an immediate payment.
- Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.
- Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.
- Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter.

If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options.

People should never provide information or payment over the phone or internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

If you receive a suspicious call: 1) Hang up; 2) Do not give out personal information or send money; and 3) Report the scam at oig.ssa.gov.

Q We tried to use Medicare.gov to choose a new, less expensive drug plan in December, but we must have done something wrong because our drug costs have gone up instead of down.

What can be done? We don't want to wait until next October to change again.

A There were a lot of changes on Medicare.gov last fall and definite glitches occurred with the new Medicare Plan Finder. Our Michigan Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) counselors have encountered similar problems.

Prices for some drugs are coming up different now than what was shown on the Plan Finder when people signed up during open enrollment.

To address these concerns, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has stated that beneficiaries can call 1-800-Medicare at any time during the year and ask for a special enrollment period to change plans if they "believe they made the wrong plan choice because of inaccurate or misleading information."

CMS is being more lenient in allowing for special enrollment periods because of the issues with the new Plan Finder during open enrollment.

This does not guarantee a special enrollment period will be granted, but beneficiaries are encouraged to call and request one if they are experiencing higher drug costs due to the plan they chose during enrollment.

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The strange story of how Mount Disappointment got its name

By DEBORAH NETBURN
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Photos by Brian van der Brug / Los Angeles Times / TNS

Low clouds drift into the mountains and valleys in a view along the road to Mt. Disappointment, a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains, in the Angeles National Forest. A group of surveyors climbed the peak in 1875 thinking it was the highest in the area, but when they reached the top they realized that the next peak over (now known as San Gabriel Peak) was even higher.

LOS ANGELES — Poor Mount Disappointment.

Located high in the San Gabriel Mountains, it's the only peak in the 60-mile-long range with such an unflattering name.

Nearby you might summit Josephine Peak, named for the wife of a federal surveyor, or savor the views from Mount Markham, named after a former governor.

But Mount Disappointment honors nobody. It's jarring. Petty. Mean-spirited.

"It's not a popular destination," said Nathan Judy, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

And yet.

"When I first read there was a mountain called Mount Disappointment, my immediate reaction was I need to see this place," said Casey Schreiner, founder of the L.A.-based website ModernHiker.com. "And I don't think I was the only person who thought that."

By why Mount Disappointment?

The answer to that question lies in a little-known tale of ambition, adventure and, yes, disappointment, that would forever alter the nation's perception of the great American West.

The story begins 150 years ago when George Montague Wheeler, a 27-year-old Army lieutenant, proposed a bold plan to map the whole of the United States west of the 100th meridian – a north-south line that runs through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Wheeler estimated the epic survey would take 15 years to complete and cost no more than $2.5 million (equivalent to about $50 million today).

The proposal, though audacious, was readily accepted by the Army Corps of Engineers, which was eager to get into the land mapping business. Three other major surveys of the West were already underway, but these were led by geologists.

Wheeler, a West Point graduate, envisioned a survey that would prioritize topography over geology.

"If you think about the 19th century overall, this is a time when the U.S. is rapidly expanding westward," said Susan Schulten, a historian at the University of Denver and author of "A History of America in 100 Maps." "The federal government wants to know what's out there."

While Wheeler's primary goal was to accurately record the valleys, mountains, desert and other land features of the United States, a letter from Andrew A. Humphreys, chief of the Army Corps of Engineers, reveals additional objectives.

These included looking for mineral deposits, locating potential agricultural lands and scouting for sites that would prove useful for military operations.

Humphreys also instructed Wheeler and his men to take stock of the Native American populations they encountered, asking that they gather "numbers, habits and disposition of the Indians who may live in this section."

The message behind these orders is clear, said Skyler Reidy, a Ph.D. candidate studying California history at the University of Southern California.

"The incredibly grim side is that they are surveying this land to steal it from native people," he said. "This is an imperial exercise."

In 1871, Humphreys authorized Wheeler to employ 10 topographers, geologists, photographers and naturalists as well as up to 20 packers, guides and general laborers. The group was accompanied by more than 50 military men to serve as escorts.

That spring, Wheeler gathered his staff at Elko, Nev. They broke up into small teams to begin the grueling work of mapping more than 72,000 miles of wild terrain in Nevada, California, Utah and Arizona.

But the land wouldn't give up its secrets easily. Temperatures climbed as high as 118 degrees that summer and several men suffered from overexposure. Some were revived. Others were not so lucky.

By the end of the first season, at least three of Wheeler's men had died.

Undeterred, Wheeler returned to the field next spring with an even larger group of men.

From 1871 to 1879, Wheeler's teams explored 21 lakes, followed 90 rivers, recorded the features of 143 mountain ranges and identified 50 thermal and mineral springs in the Southwest. They also discovered dozens of new species, including one bird, eight reptiles, 32 fish, 64 insects and one mollusk.

But back to Mount Disappointment.

Members of the Wheeler survey began measuring peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains in the summer of 1875.

The trail to Mt. Disappointment, a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains, is a paved road in the Angeles National Forest.

While surveying the Santa Susana Mountains earlier that year, the group's leader, Lt. C.W. Whipple, noticed a prominent summit near the front of the San Gabriel range, a few miles northeast of what is now Altadena. Thinking it would make a good triangulation point, he sent his chief topographer and two assistants to set up a survey station on its peak in the dry heat of a July morning.

There was no trail to the top of the 5,963-foot summit, and the ascent was brutal.

John Muir, writing for the San Francisco Evening Bulletin just a few years later, described the San Gabriel terrain as "Mother Nature at her most ruggedly, thornily savage."

Wheeler's men had the additional burden of dragging heavy surveying equipment through the dense chaparral.

When at last they reached the top, they discovered that the view east was blocked by another peak that rose nearly 200 feet higher than the one they had just climbed.

They immortalized their disappointment by naming the smaller mountain Mount Disappointment. Then they promptly scrambled up the higher mountain, known today as San Gabriel Peak.

Reidy said he's not surprised the Disappointment name stuck.

"If you are the federal surveyor and you want to name it Mount Disappointment, I don't know who is going to stop you," he said.

Sadly for Wheeler and his team, their adventures in the San Gabriel Mountains only got worse.

After scaling the San Gabriel Peak, the team summited Mount Wilson, but on its way down the group's meteorologist, Douglas Joy, got lost. He was eventually discovered, and rescued, at the bottom of a deep gorge later named Joy's Ravine.

Joy's bad luck continued. Later that field season, he died of thirst and exhaustion while attempting to ascend another peak in the range.

Despite completing nine field seasons and cataloging 359,065 square miles of the West, the Wheeler Survey came to an abrupt end in 1879.

Scientists made the case that the mapping of America should not be carried out under the auspices of the War Department. At the same time, the country was suffering from a serious recession. In that milieu, it seemed reasonable to consolidate the four great surveys of the West into one.

In 1879, Congress voted to create the U.S. Geological Survey under the Department of the Interior. Clarence King, one of Wheeler's competitors, was put in charge of the new agency and Wheeler's work was sidelined.

Wheeler's disappointment was so profound he "broke down from defeat" and went on sick leave from 1880-84, according to the late historian Richard Bartlett.

A few years later, in 1889, Wheeler published a seven-volume final report on his life's work, including 164 maps.

Although Wheeler's maps never made it into the official canon of the USGS, his teams named hundreds of mountains, valleys, streams and plateaus. Photographers and journalists accompanying the surveyors sent back pictures and vivid tales of a land of geysers, hot springs, mountains and deserts. Farmers, ranchers, miners and scientists relied on the maps created by Wheeler and the other surveyors of the 1870s.

"Not a textbook in geology or any of the natural sciences is published that does not embody the knowledge of the work of the men of the great surveys," Bartlett wrote.

Today, it takes just a few hours to reach the summit of Mount Disappointment. The trail is paved and gentle, lined with supersized pine cones and skittish little lizards.

The top of the mountain is flat – a remnant from the 1950s, when Mount Disappointment became one of 16 Nike missile launch sites in the L.A. area.

There also is a cracked helicopter pad and a few humming radio towers.

But if you turn your back to all of that and stand on the edge of the peak, you can look out over the vast Los Angeles basin, hazy and dreamlike behind a thin veil of mist.

Birds dive below your feet.

The mountain range undulates behind you.

There's nothing disappointing about it at all.

VOLUNTEERS

Help your neighbor

Neighbor by Neighbor is a social service program that links residents of southwest Berrien County with resources and services.

It is looking for volunteers to accompany staff on home visits, assist with community events, such as pizza parties celebrating the 2020 Census in April, plus planning for the annual Chair Affair fundraiser in early summer.

Volunteers will be required to complete an application, background check and training.

Those interested in volunteering can call 231-0648 or email info@nbynharborcountry.org

Kids Night Out

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with its Kids Night Out event.

The volunteers will help provide children with a fun, positive and safe evening full off crafts, games, food, swimming and socialization.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, pass a background check, and work well with kids.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Pennies for Patients

Berrien County Cancer Service is looking for volunteers to help with Pennies for Patients Day from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. May 14.

This event will support BCCS, which provides in-home, skilled nursing care and supportive resources for those affected by cancer or related illnesses in Southwest Michigan.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the collection of coin donations, write receipts, help with refreshments, and count coins.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love art?

If you love going for drives or walks, this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

The Krasl Art Center is looking for volunteers to be community ambassadors. Help spread the word about upcoming exhibits, events and classes by distributing newsletters, postcards or posters to businesses throughout surrounding communities. Explore a local area, and promote local art exhibits and artists at the same time.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, and to increase the distributed amount, Feeding America West Michigan developed the Mobile Food Pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help and give a smile to those that are experiencing food insecurity.

Other dates, locations and more information can be found online at volunteer.uwsm.org.

Make a meaningful difference

Do you have a passion for working with children? The Youth Development Company is looking for volunteers who have a couple spare hours once a month, once every two weeks, or even every week.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

The mission of YDC is empowering for success and developing dreams while providing a safe haven for youth to grow socially, emotionally and intellectually.

YDC volunteers will help in their YDC learning centers, after-school mentoring program and summer day camp.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Community Soup Night

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is hosting a community event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 25 that provides a chance to connect with community members and enjoy a free bowl of soup.

Volunteers are needed to serve soup and to assist with clean up after the event.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics.

Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Bring peace

Citizens Mediation Service is looking for volunteers.

Volunteer mediators are neutral facilitators when two parties are trying to negotiate crippling dept, child visitation hours, or a whole host of other life crises. Mediators help clients find their own unique options and solutions that both sides can agree to.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love animals?

Therapeutic Equestrian Center uses horses to challenge those with special needs to build stronger minds, bodies and spirits.

Experience with horses is a plus, but volunteers can be trained. A variety of daytime and evenings opportunities are available.

Volunteers usually help once a week, but substitutes also are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Therapy dogs

Caring Circle is seeking teams of pet therapy dogs and their humans who can visit with patients at Hanson Hospice Center, nursing homes and patients' homes.

Interacting with therapy animals provides relaxation and companionship for patients, and increases their quality of life.

Four-legged volunteers must be certified by Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Therapy Dogs International, or an equivalent organization to visit with patients.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

BAZAARS

NILES: The Christian Service Center at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish will sponsor a spring bazaar and food drive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 4 in the school gym, 217 Lincoln Ave. Admission is free. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. There will be crafts and baked goods for sale as well as waffles, barbecue and hot dogs prepared by Boy Scout Troop 579.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows are published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups that want to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

Who to please when you can't please everyone

Kevin Hester
Insights

We've all attempted to make other people happy. When I've attempted to please others, I've found it usually doesn't go well.

When I was a teenager, my friends influenced me to buy a motorcycle that I didn't even know how to ride. You can imagine how well that went.

I did learn to ride it, but I got myself in some situations where I could have lost my life on it, not to mention the money I wasted.

Fortunately, I was young, and it hasn't had any lasting impact on my life. But I could share dozens of stories where I tried to make others happy, and it had a greater and more negative impact on my life or a loved one's.

I have since decided this is not the way to live, and I have learned the only one I need to please is God. If I live to please him, I will automatically fulfill my obligations toward others.

If I make God my primary audience, and I attempt to please him first, it takes care of so many other issues that arise with people. God tells us to be loving, as he is, and then teaches us in 1 Corinthians 13 what love actually looks like. It is patient and kind, it does not envy, does not boast, is not proud or rude or self seeking.

God also teaches me in Matthew 5 to love my enemies and to do good to those who persecute me. I don't have to try and make people happy, because if I learn to please God, I will take care of my obligations toward them.

Another area in which we try to please others is in moral convictions and politics. We don't have to make people happy in this area, we need to seek to please God.

Not always, but oftentimes, there are answers in God's Word about how we ought to think about moral and political issues, and in those cases, we can follow him without worrying about how other people will view our convictions.

We can't always be at peace with everybody. Romans 12:18 tells us that we are to live at peace with others as much as possible, but God knows that even when we do what is right, it does not always produce peace between people.

It is impossible to please everybody. Trying to please everybody is like riding in a small boat on a rocky sea being tossed to and fro. People's opinions are like the violent waves tossing us around. But when we make God our only anchor, he calms the rocky sea and our inner life becomes more peaceful and more simple.

He is an audience of one, and you'll be pleased to know that it is possible to please him.

If making God your audience of one is your desire, here's how to get started.

First, the Bible tells us it's impossible to please God without faith. Believing in him, despite his invisible nature, is the beginning of pleasing God.

Next, know him through His Word. You can't make him happy until you know who he is and what pleases him, so you need to read your Bible.

Lastly, reflect his character and nature in your home, workplace and in all your dealings with mankind.

After you have read the Bible, do what God tells you to do in it. If you do this, you will have the peace of knowing that God is pleased with you and that you have done right by yourself and others.

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Andrews University appoints 2 new chaplains

BOURGET

PILGRIM

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Andrews University has welcomed two new chaplains to its campus ministries team.

José Bourget accepted the position of university chaplain, and began work on Jan. 1.

Danielle Pilgrim accepted the role of associate chaplain, and began working in late January.

"We have taken the unusual approach in our university plan to talk not about strategic initiatives, but storylines. The first of those storylines reads: 'To live, work or study at Andrews University will mean active engagement in a community that is passionate about being a caring, inclusive, healthy community of faith,'" President Andrea Luxton said in a news release.

"Central to the direction of this storyline is the chaplaincy office," she said. "Our chaplains must be able to collaborate and engage with the totality of our campus community to ensure faith development is central to what we do, and that this faith development makes a difference in the way we live both on campus and in our communities."

Bourget is primarily responsible for creating the faith development strategy for Andrews, and ensuring this priority is embedded into the campus culture and community.

From his undergraduate years as a student at Andrews, Bourget has been engaged in youth ministry, outreach, chaplaincy and making events happen.

"I look forward to working with this generation of faculty and staff in developing resilient Jesus followers," Bourget said.

Pilgrim is a 2015 graduate of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews. Most recently, she was the associate pastor at the Atlanta Berean Adventist Church in Atlanta. There she focused three areas: community engagement, youth and young adult ministry, and discipleship and care.

"I hope to facilitate an environment where students, faculty and staff pursue emotional wholeness and selfless service to others as an integral part of their faith development journey," she said.

A third appointment for the Campus Ministries office is still outstanding. That appointment will be made through the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Pioneer Memorial Church.

CHURCH NOTES

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will continue its six-week Lenten series at 10 a.m. Sunday with the Rev. Adam Bohland speaking on "Behold, Your Son ..."

The River Valley Ministerial Association will hold a Lenten supper and worship service Wednesday at **Sawyer Highlands Church**, 13100 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer. Supper will be at 6 p.m., with worship to follow at 6:45 p.m.

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, will host its interdenominational Second Sunday Fire Praise and Worship Service at 6 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Kenneth Robinson of Second Baptist will speak.

Organizers for **Andrews University**'s Passion Play are looking for volunteers to take part in this year's performances. The play will be April 11 on Andrews' campus in Berrien Springs. Performances of the interactive indoor/outdoor walk-through experience will take place in 30-minute rotations from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Actors, costume assistants, greeters, logistics support, registration assistants, photographers and more are needed. To volunteer, visit www.passionplay.andrews.edu or email passionplay@andrews.edu.

Kim Myers will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at **Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph. She will speak on "Fortune's Wheel: Suffering and Resilience."

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, will have a get back to church spring forward service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Lunch will follow the service.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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Stop misusing the word 'coup'

Jonah Goldberg

People really seem to struggle with the word "coup."

During the impeachment ordeal of Bill Clinton, Democrats and their journalistic allies routinely denounced the effort as a "coup." Some 20 years later, Republicans and their supporters called the impeachment of Donald Trump a "coup" as well.

Neither of these events was a coup. According to the dictionary, a coup means to overthrow the government, usually by force. It's short for "coup d'etat," which is illegal. The impeachment power is laid out in America's rulebook – the Constitution – in black and white.

In any endeavor – sports, law, business, chess, Dungeons & Dragons, whatever – it is axiomatically true that if you play within the rules, you cannot be breaking them.

But as silly as all the coup talk was, it at least had a certain superficial plausibility within the bounds of political hyperbole and poetic license. Impeachment was an effort to fire the head of state, after all.

You can't say the same thing about the truly ridiculous accusation that Bernie Sanders is the victim of a coup.

CNN's Jake Tapper referred to Joe Biden's historic comeback on Super Tuesday as a "resurrection." Marianne Williamson, a onetime contender in the Democratic primaries who now supports Sanders, responded with a Twitter rant.

"This was not a resurrection; it was a coup," Williamson raged. "Russiagate was not a coup. Mueller was not a coup. Impeachment was not a coup. What happened yesterday was a coup. And we will push it back."

Williamson's coup blather (since deleted) was in a sense bipartisan. President Trump, whose desperation to run against Sanders instead of Biden sometimes gets the better of him, tweeted late Monday afternoon, "They are staging a coup against Bernie!" Shortly after that, he told reporters on the White House lawn, "It's rigged against Bernie, there is no question about it."

Now, my complaint here isn't just that people are using words incorrectly, though that does vex me. It's that they're using the wrong words because they have the wrong ideas.

Trump's use of the word "rigged" – one that Sanders loves, too – is illustrative. What happened with Biden wasn't a "coup," nor was it "rigged." It was politics.

Democratic politicians and rank-and-file voters alike played by the rules and rallied to Biden. They did so partly out of ideological opposition to Sanders' avowedly socialist agenda but mostly out of fear that Sanders would lose to Trump.

Regardless of the motivations, the important point is that no rules were broken. Heck, no norms, customs or traditions were violated. Rather, good old-fashioned politics made a comeback. Biden amassed some crucial endorsements. South Carolina's African American voters in particular rallied to the former vice president. Biden then used the momentum of a huge win there to leverage more endorsements and more African American (and moderate) votes to run away with it on Super Tuesday.

Where's the coup? Answer: Nowhere.

Indeed, it's kind of amazing that many of the people who bemoan "white supremacy" are suddenly arguing that African American voters are really the establishment's enforcers.

Part of the problem with populism is the collective sense of entitlement that fuels it. Populists don't like the rules when the rules don't favor them. "Screw the rules, you owe us!"

When you feel entitled to something, it's normal to think it's unfair or illegitimate when you don't get it. It's like one of those family games of Monopoly that inevitably end in tears when one of the kids goes bankrupt and cries, "No fair!" But it was fair. The game wasn't rigged; that was the game.

Sanders and his most ardent followers believe, in almost Marxian fashion, that capital-H History is on their side and that their "revolution" is their rightful destiny. But nobody owes them victory. In democratic politics you earn success by being better at the game. Sure, sometimes luck plays a role, but luck is part of every game – except maybe chess.

Sadly, the Sanders campaign is just one example of the sense of entitlement that runs rampant through our politics and our culture. From the Oval Office to college campuses to the Sanders campaign, people assume that everything should go their way, and when it doesn't, it must be because the system is rigged. Not content with hating the players, they hate the game, too.

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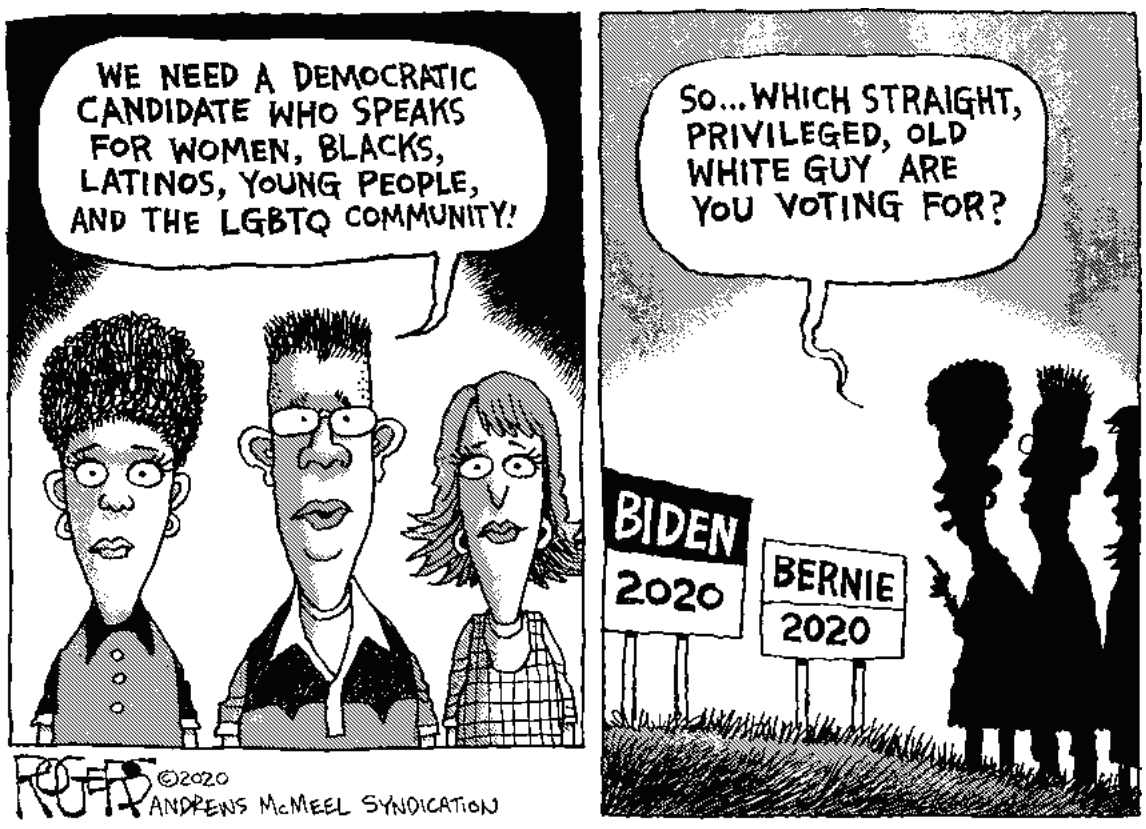
Biden is the salve Democrats need

By VIRGINIA HEFFERNAN



An idea from progressive Catholic theology might be useful for our times: pater patitur – the father suffers.

It goes like this: A father figure, divine or otherwise, isn't meant to relieve our suffering. Nor should he suffer for us, which suggests condescension. And he certainly shouldn't inflict suffering on us, as too many parents do with their children. Rather, the father's role is to suffer with us.

We've seen this gracious and ultimately progressive model of fatherhood from Joe Biden in recent days in his run for the Democratic nomination.

Of course, a father is a father, and in this case a white one. Biden doesn't speak from the political or social margins. Rather he speaks from the head of the table, where – likely as not – he's having his pot roast served to him by a woman. And that woman may be simultaneously fighting off a lunging animal-rights protester, as Jill Biden, Joe's wife, and Symone D. Sanders, his campaign adviser, did during Biden's Super Tuesday speech.

But if we must have a white man as president, as we have had all but once in American history, let it be a well-intentioned one, a self-critical one, one who suffers with us.

Let it be the one who, like Biden, shows up at to sit shiva and to comfort a widow and to mourn in at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., after the 2015 massacre. Biden is a man practiced in grief, who has learned vulnerability, resilience and how to give comfort.

And isn't that what America needs right now as we fight against despair after Trump's desecrations?

We don't need the agitations of Bernie Sanders; we need a salve. And though this is much harder to admit, we collectively lack the fortitude and solidarity to respond to the clarion call of the peerless Elizabeth Warren, who in stronger times could have led us to a more perfect union.

As former FBI special agent and law professor Asha Rangappa put it recently, "Right now America needs some aspirin, a cup of soup and some TLC."

And Biden knows how to administer TLC. Having lost a wife and two children, he now speaks as a forever-grieving widower and parent. He is familiar with loss in his marrow. And this is what allows him to see, with radical compassion, the facts of our country under Trump: family separations, border detention camps, ubiquitous guns, neglect of public health, the catastrophic effects of the climate crisis.

He also knows how, in times of distress, a country can forget its very reason for being: to care for the needy, to uphold the rule of law, to stick by its allies, to bend toward justice.

Hit by tragedy again and again, Biden has struggled not to lose faith. His son Beau, before he died of cancer in 2015, had to urge him not to close off his heart but to stay – as Biden says – "engaged." Biden now seems determined not to go numb and call it stoicism.

Yes, he seemed to be hiding his light with the posturing and snippiness in the early debates, but in the lead-up and the aftermath to his campaign-changing victory in South Carolina, Biden stopped flexing, spitting bile at hecklers and boasting about how many push-ups he could do. He has candidly admitted to his stuttering "handicap" and his tendency to get anxious about it. He has cut back on the war whoops and the "I can beat him like a drum" chest-beating.

There are worries and losses that must weigh heavily on Biden, but which he can't yet be candid about, in particular the anguish of his "surviving son," Hunter, who has struggled with drug addiction and attendant recklessness. Republicans and Trump himself have relentlessly tried to frame Hunter Biden's struggles, and particularly his ill-advised stint on the board of a Ukrainian company during the Obama administration, as a liability for his father. But Hunter's troubles may in the end be a gift to Joe's campaign, which the candidate has repeatedly dedicated to those "that have been knocked down, counted out, left behind."

Biden once described Beau, whom he cherished, as a promising politician who "had all the best of me, but with the bugs and flaws engineered out." But Beau can't take up his father's causes, and anyway, we don't need a perfectly engineered person to lead us now. We know too well the danger represented by another president who believes himself to be flawless, all-powerful and infallible.

Biden, bugs in plain view, increasingly seems to be the right heartbroken man for this heartbroken time. He is not the perfect son, but the imperfect father – the one who suffers and suffers with us.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Democrats should adopt regional primaries

The one thing we should all agree on after Super Tuesday is that the current system of choosing presidential nominees is a mess.

It's not working for California or the entire country.

The Constitution does not specify the process for parties to pick their candidates. Congress has tried and failed multiple times to adopt a regional primary system. But there is nothing keeping party leaders from acting on their own, as Democrats did in 1972, when they set the rules for selecting delegates to their convention.

They should now acknowledge the obvious: No state should keep having a disproportionate say in one of the most important decisions voters make.

Various plans have been suggested since eight Southern states banded together in 1984 to create Super Tuesday. The idea of a regional primary system is to create four, six or eight parts of the country that would hold primaries two weeks apart over a period of months. The party would rotate the order every four years.

More states would have a voice in the selection process, which now can be decided before a majority of states have voted. Costs and the wear and tear on candidates would be reduced because they could campaign in a region, rather than repeatedly crossing the country as they must before Super Tuesday. And voters would be able to hear the candidates discuss regional issues.

Even Iowa, which has been going first in the political process since 1972, should acknowledge that it's time to give up its special status. Besides, it has a lousy record of picking winners.

U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon was the first member of Congress to introduce legislation aimed at creating a regional primary system. Packwood's 1972 bill came in the wake of the 1968 Democratic convention fiasco, where Hubert Humphrey became the Democratic Party nominee despite not entering a single primary.

It was one of the most tumultuous years in U.S history. President Lyndon Johnson's decided not to run for reelection because of the unpopularity of the Vietnam War. Then came the assassinations of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the latter on the night of the California primary, which Kennedy won.

Packwood's bill failed. As did 40 other ensuing efforts by Congress.

But Democratic Party leaders acted on their own, creating a commission led by U.S. Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota and Rep. Donald Fraser of Minnesota. They crafted a process that would ensure voters would have a direct say in picking their nominee for president, rather than a process conducted behind closed doors.

But they didn't go far enough. Regional primaries are a fairer, more representative way of picking presidential nominees. Democrats should change their system before the 2024 election.

– The (San Jose) Mercury News

Hey Dems: Stop whining and just win

Leonard Pitts

Here's some advice for Democrats. It will run over 600 words, but I can give you the gist of it in two: Stop whining.

Seems like everywhere you go among the party faithful these days, pessimism is all you hear. You can't shop, turn on the television, fire up social media or just poke your head out of your front door without risk of drowning in Democrat tears. A Pew poll released in January quantifies this. It found fewer than half of Democrats confident of victory this fall. The great and powerful Trump, they moan, cannot be beaten.

Well, not with that attitude he can't.

Look, I spend my days writing about social, moral and cultural issues, not the nuts and bolts of politics. I am no one's idea of a campaign strategist. So feel free to take what follows with whatever amount of salt – a grain, a box – feels appropriate. But to me, this narrative of Trumpian invincibility seems wildly overblown.

As has been noted ad infinitum, Donald Trump's 2016 victory, that win he did not expect to get, hardly reflected dominance in the popular vote, where Hillary Clinton trounced him by nearly 3 million. No, Trump's win was a quirk of America's antiquated Electoral College system, which allowed him to eke out excruciatingly close wins in a handful of key states.

He took Florida's 29 electoral votes by a margin of just 113,000 out of 9 million ballots cast, nabbed Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes by a margin of just 44,000 out of 5.9 million and won Michigan's 16 electoral votes by a paltry 10,704 out of 4.5 million. So, but for fewer than 170,000 votes in three states, we would have been spared the angry tweet storms, the resurrection of Frederick Douglass, the 16,000 lies, Sharpies on weather maps, good people on both sides, I would like you to do us a favor though, Brett Kavanaugh, Stephen Miller, Steve Bannon and all the other covfefe of the last 38 months.

Consider that, and then ask yourself: How many Democrats do you figure stayed home in 2016, whether because they were angry Bernie Sanders got hosed or sanguine after polls said Hillary Clinton had the election all sewn up? Do we really believe Democrats can't turn a measly 170,000 votes?

Granted, Trump also lost a few states that could've gone either way. But note, too, that he has been the most consistently unpopular president in modern history. In an analysis of polling by the authoritative FiveThirty Eight blog, he is the only one in 70 years whose approval rating has never – not ever, not once – cracked 50 percent.

Invincible? Hardly.

It is understandable that Democrats are jittery. As was the case in the elections of 1860, 1932 and 1940, nothing less than national survival is on the ballot this year. The machinery of authoritarianism is assembling itself before our eyes, and this is our one chance to stop it. The stakes are unfathomably high.

But that is a cause for determination – not an excuse for pessimism.

Not to trivialize any of this, but I keep coming back to a speech then-Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley gave his demoralized team after a humiliating 148-114 shellacking at the hands of the despised Boston Celtics in the first game of the NBA Finals. Riley, now president of the Miami Heat, recounted advice his late father gave him on what turned out to be the last time the coach ever saw him.

"Somewhere, someplace, sometime," Lee Riley told his son, "you are going to have to plant your feet, make a stand and kick some ass. And when that time comes, you do it." For Riley's team, that time was the 1985 NBA Finals.

For Democrats, that time is now.

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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING MAR. 7

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Jump (N) CC	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Golden State Warriors. From Chase Center in San Francisco. (N)				
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Basketball	FBI CC		NCIS: Los Angeles "Smokescreen"		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Dateline NBC CC		Dateline NBC CC		Saturday Night Live (N) CC	
FOX (17)(222)(28)(32)	XFL Football	Boxing Adam Kownacki vs. Robert Heleniu. (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	:00 Soul Legends Music from the 1960s-1980s. CC			Doo Wop to Pop Rock: My Music Celebrates 20 Years CC			
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT (50)	Fire Fight Australia	AHL Hockey Tucson Roadrunners at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N) (L)					
WCIU (26)	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "All Hearts Lead Home"		Murdoch Mysteries "Dr. Osler Regrets"		Murdoch Mysteries "21 Murdoch Street"	
WGN (9)	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 03.07.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	5:00 Batman	★★ Batman Returns ('92) Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito. The Catwoman and the Penguin join forces against Batman. CC					
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Not Giving Up" (N)				:03 The Vet Life (N)	
BET	First	★★ Boo! A Madea Halloween ('16) Tyler Perry.					All About
Big Ten	Wm. Basketball		Basket	Women's College Basketball			
Bravo	Walk the Line ('05)	★★★ Dirty Dancing ('87, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. CC				★★★ Dirty Dancing ('87) CC	
Cartoon	Apple	My Hero	My Hero	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	:00 Strike Back	7:50 ★★★ Die Hard ('88, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. CC				:05 Die Hard With a Vengeance	
CMT	★ Coyote Ugly ('00) Piper Perabo. CC					Overboard ('87)	
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	News	CNN Newsroom		Race-Whte Hse		Royal Dynasty	
Comedy	:00 ★★★ Ocean's Twelve ('04) (P). CC					Ocean's Eleven	
Discovery	:00 Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws (N) CC		Street Outlaws (N) CC		Street Outlaws CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Owl Hse.	Owl Hse.
DIY	Maine	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City
ESPN	Basket	UFC 248: Adesanya vs. Romero - Prelims				College Basketball	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball				College Basketball	
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	College Football From Dec. 17, 2011.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Jazz at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Tigers
Freefrm	5:30 ★★★ The Parent Trap ('98)	:40 ★★★ Pitch Perfect ('12) Anna Kendrick. College students enter an a cappella competition. CC					
FX	Kingsman: Serv	★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. A powerful enemy tests Tony Stark's true mettle. CC					
Golf	PGA	Golf Central (N)		PGA Golf			
Hallmark	:00 Love on Safari ('18) Lacey Chabert, Jon Cor. CC			Rome in Love ('19, Romance) Italia Ricci, Vincent Riotta, Barbara Bouchet. CC			
HBO	Fight Club ('99)	★★ Yesterday ('19) Himesh Patel, Lily James, Kate McKinnon. (P). CC				Shop: Unintrp.	The Outsider
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		:01 The UnXplained	
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It		Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover	
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress (N) CC				Say Yes, Dress	
Lifetime	The Neig	My Nightmare Landlord ('20) Caroline Harris, Ignacyo Matynia. (P). CC				Baby Monitor Murders ('20) CC	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NHL Hockey: Sabres at Flyers				Windy City Poker		Poker
NFL	Top 10	NFL 100 All-Time Team CC				A Football Life	
Nick	Loud	Henry	Dylan	Substitute	All That	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Drugs,	Drugs, Inc. CC		Drugs, Inc. CC		:03 Drugs, Inc. CC	
Oxygen	Up and Vanished	Snapped "Sahara Fakhir" CC		Cold Justice "Backwater Bloodshed"		Cold Justice "Golden Years Gone" CC	
Parmt	6:30 ★★ The Expendables 3 ('14)				★★ Red 2 ('13) CC		
Showtime	6:50 ★★ Real Steel ('11, Action) Hugh Jackman. CC			★★ Captive State ('19) John Goodman, Ashton Sanders. (P). CC			
Starz	Mamma Mia! ('08)	Outlander "The Fiery Cross" CC		:04 Outlander "Between Two Fires"		Outlander The Regulator threat grows.	
STZENC	:35 ★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history.					Spartacus: War of the Damned CC	
SyFy	6:36 ★★★ X-Men: First Class ('11) James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. CC				★★★ Zombieland ('09, Comedy) Woody Harrelson. CC		
TBS	Lost World	★★★ Jurassic Park ('93) Sam Neill. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.					Full Frontal
TCM	Ten Little Indians	★★★ The Paper Chase ('73) Timothy Bottoms, John Houseman. CC				★★ Love Story ('70) CC	
TMC	:25 ★★ Hotel Artemis ('18, Action) Jodie Foster. CC			★ Cell ('16) John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson. CC			Zombie Honey
TNT	Hobbit	★★★ Kong: Skull Island ('17) Tom Hiddleston.					Jack Gi
Travel	Haunted	Woo.- Haunted		Woo.- Haunted		Haunted Hospitals	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	John Wick ('14)	★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17, Action) Keanu Reeves, Common. (P). CC (DVS)					John Wick 2
VH1	6:30 Coming to America			★★★ House Party ('90) CC			
WGN-A	:00 JAG CC	JAG Harm defends a woman pilot.		JAG "Need to Know" CC (DVS)		JAG "Ready or Not" CC (DVS)	

Man's sudden death comes with a shocking revelation

DEAR ABBY: A short time ago, I experienced a terrible loss. I came home from work one evening and found "Martin," my boyfriend of almost 17 years, dead at the bottom of the stairs. I later found out he had been drinking.

I never saw Martin drinking before. He did it very rarely. He didn't go to bars, and he would never drink and drive. He did have a close friend who would visit him on occasion, and they would drink beer together.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Abby, I feel deceived and betrayed on top of the terrible grief I can't seem to overcome. Martin knew how I felt about drinking because I was previously married to an alcoholic for 19 years. How do I get past this? – Wounded In Pennsylvania

DEAR WOUNDED: Please accept my deepest sympathy, not only for your loss, but for the manner in which you found your boyfriend. It had to have been an awful shock.

Are you absolutely certain his death was alcohol-related? Was there an autopsy? People have been known to suffer strokes or massive heart attacks that can take them suddenly, and if Martin was on the stairs, something like that could have caused his fall rather than the fact he had alcohol in his system.

A way to move past your anger and disappointment would be to look further into what happened if that's possible, and if his cause of death is what you suspect, forgive him. Hanging onto anger and bitterness is not healthy for you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 4 1/2 years. Most of them have not been good. When we have disagreements, he calls me names and then gives me the silent treatment, sometimes for weeks at a time. We tried counseling. It was initially helpful, but he refuses to go anymore, saying "it didn't work." (We went to three one-hour sessions.)

I'm trapped financially because I can't afford our mortgage alone (he threatens me financially when we argue by not contributing his agreed-upon share into our household account). I don't have the means to move out while still paying my share of the mortgage. I have three dogs, so renting is practically impossible. I'm lost, and I don't know what to do. I cannot continue living in silence anymore. Help! – Miserable In Florida

DEAR MISERABLE: A good marriage is like heaven; a bad one is like living with a truly unpleasant cellmate. Pick up the phone, start interviewing divorce attorneys and tell them everything you have told me. I think you will be pleasantly surprised that you do not HAVE to remain married. Consider selling the house. That way you may not wind up with nothing. If you are unable to find homes for your dogs, contact pet rescue groups in your area and explain the situation.

You did not mention whether you have family you might be able to stay with until you are financially stable, but whether they can accommodate you or not, let them know what you have been going through. All of life is a learning experience, and there is life after you close this unhappy chapter.

DEAR READERS: As a fan of longer, brighter days and warmer weather, I'm pleased to issue my annual reminder to those of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. Spring is on the way! – Abby

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Feeling guilty for date nights away from the kids

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am a single mom (divorced) and have spent the past few years completely prioritizing my kids. They're now 13 and 8 and are very happy and well-adjusted. For once, I feel comfortable dating, and have started exploring a relationship with my friend "Greg." Greg expressed interest a few years back, but I didn't feel comfortable spending time away from my kids, who were so young then. Now I look forward to seeing him some evenings and on weekends.

Carolyn Hax

But last night as I was getting ready for dinner with Greg, my 8-year-old groaned about how I was leaving "again." The last date I went on before this one was over a week ago. I felt terrible and considered canceling the date, but went on it and could not enjoy it at all.

I talked to the 8-year-old this morning and I don't think she was especially upset, so maybe I overreacted, but I am not sure how to tell whether I am spending TOO much time away from my kids, versus just claiming a reasonable amount of "me" time and teaching them a healthy lesson by doing so. What do you think? – Single Mom

SINGLE MOM: One night a week for you isn't even close to unreasonable. Just know that upfront.

Then, have a good think about how many nights per week/hours per night is reasonable for your kids to be home without you. Don't think of it as Greg time, think of it as parent-needs-relief time. Then give yourself that number of days, with or without Greg. Then use that to keep you confident in your choice against some normal pushback.

You're right in your implication that it's easy to take a kid reaction as much bigger than it really is. Look for signs of distress, not signs of I-want-what-I-want-when-I-want-it syndrome, which you probably have no trouble spotting when it strikes in, say, the candy aisle.

RE: SINGLE MOM: For the record, I'm married to my kids' father and when we go on date night, my kids also groan. I don't think it's because you are going out with Greg. It's just that kids generally want their parents! Go out on a date – and enjoy it, otherwise you waste the night you did spend away from your kids. – Married Mom

RE: DATE NIGHT: This has been hard for me, too. Finding a FUN babysitter for my son has made him look forward to me going out rather than complaining. It's good for your kids to see you prioritize yourself and your happiness outside of parenting, too! – Hard for Me

HARD FOR ME: Good idea, thanks – but Single Mom's older kid is 13.

RE: SITTER: I did this. My older son was in middle school, while my younger son was 6. I hired a teenage neighbor, and I made it clear to all three of them that she was just there to take care of the younger son. As far as I'm aware, everyone was fine with the situation. – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: Nice. Extra peace of mind in that, too.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Flea, to Fido
5 Mensa stats
8 Submit to
12 St. Louis landmark
13 Pistachio
14 Purina rival
15 Polygraph flunker
16 Proven
18 Rounded hill
20 Profile
21 Pod vegetable
22 Sinister
25 Poisonous reptile
28 Far East staple
29 At all times
33 Canceled
35 Passport companion
36 Ms. Ferber
37 Merriment
39 Wallet filler
40 Poet's black
42 Airline to Stockholm
43 Refreshing drink
46 Zoologist's eggs
49 — Leppard
50 First name in fashion
53 Pouched animal
56 Fiesta cheers
58 Formal observance
59 Menacing sound
60 Do the cancan
61 In addition
62 Response to a rodent
63 No problem

DOWN
1 Close companion
2 Composer — Satie
3 Look over quickly
4 Pulsate
5 Bill: Abbr.
6 Montreal's province
7 Warfare
8 Lout
9 Point on a radar screen
10 Fencer's weapon
11 Jedi master
17 Unlucky gambler's note
19 Not clothed
23 Jar's need
24 Clothier — Strauss
25 With, to Henri
26 Bubbly drink
27 Brooches
30 Engages in rivalry
31 Como — usted?
32 Narrow beams of light
34 Kids' writer Roald —
37 Tibetan gazelle
38 Amos' radio partner
40 Appear
41 Previously
44 Boise's st.
45 Call forth
46 Pod veggie
47 Ski mecca
48 Colony members
51 Charles Lamb
52 Dry wines
54 Earth (pref.)
55 Sitcom planet
57 Moon's place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SNHIY

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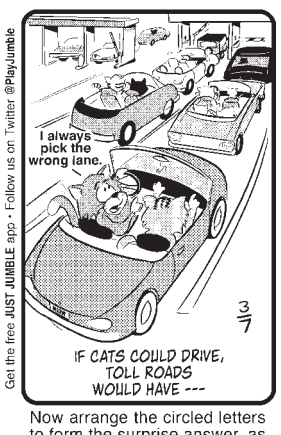

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ○○○ - ○○○○○ "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRUIT USHER OVERDO CANARY
Answer: Her sweater was covered in cat hair after the cat hair was — "TRANS-FURRED"

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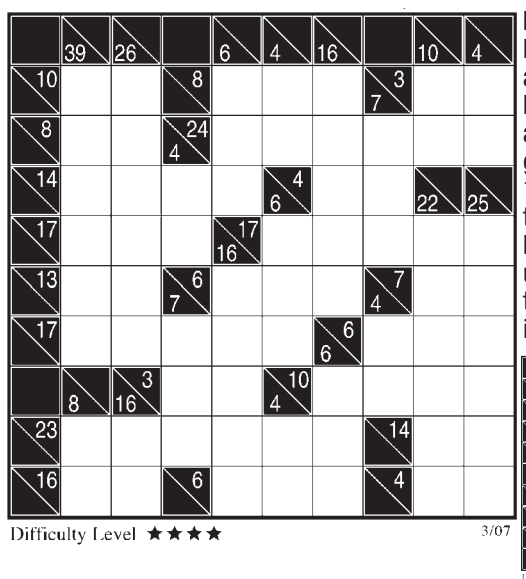
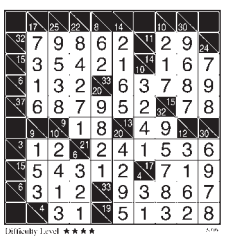
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/07



BRIDGE

When defending, not only is it important to watch all the spot-cards like a hawk, but it also pays to make your partner's life easy.

In today's deal, South's weak two-bid showed a six-card spade suit and 6-10 high-card points. North's jump to five spades asked his partner to go on to six with good trumps. South was happy to oblige.

What do you think the outcome should be after West leads the heart king?

At first glance, the slam looks easy. South wins the heart lead in the dummy, discards his two heart losers on dummy's top clubs, then plays a trump to the king and ace, losing one spade trick. However, a closer examination shows that there is a defense.

West led the club jack after winning with the trump ace. Seeing no reason to do anything else, East discarded a diamond. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and claimed.

True, East made a mistake. Ruffing with the spade nine was indicated – it couldn't hurt. Here it doesn't hurt East, but it definitely hurts South. After he overruffs with the spade jack, West's spade 10 is promoted as the setting trick.

However, West had a clever way to protect his partner from error. While South was cashing dummy's club winners, West should have followed suit with the five, seven and 10. When West won with the spade ace, he could have led not the club jack but the club three. As dummy's four would have been winning the trick, East would have ruffed to stop declarer from obtaining another discard. This would have effected the trump promotion.

North 03-07-20
♠ 8 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K Q 4

West
♠ A 10 3
♥ K Q 9
♦ 10 3
♣ J 10 7 5 3

East
♠ 9 5
♥ J 5 4 3
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ 8 6 2

South
♠ K Q J 7 6 4
♥ 10 8 2
♦ 9 7 6
♣ 9

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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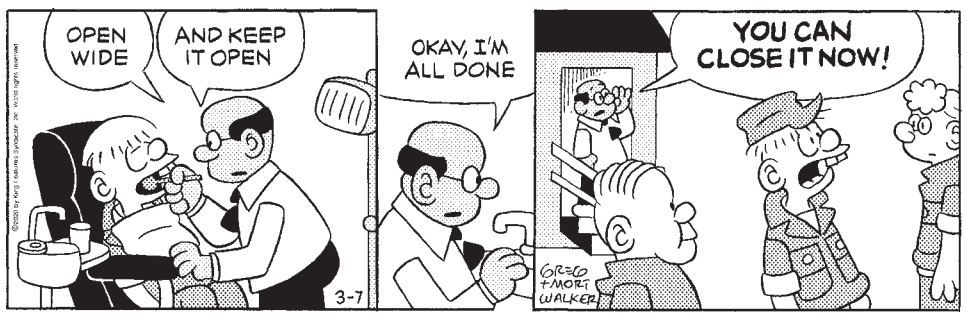
BEETLE BAILEY



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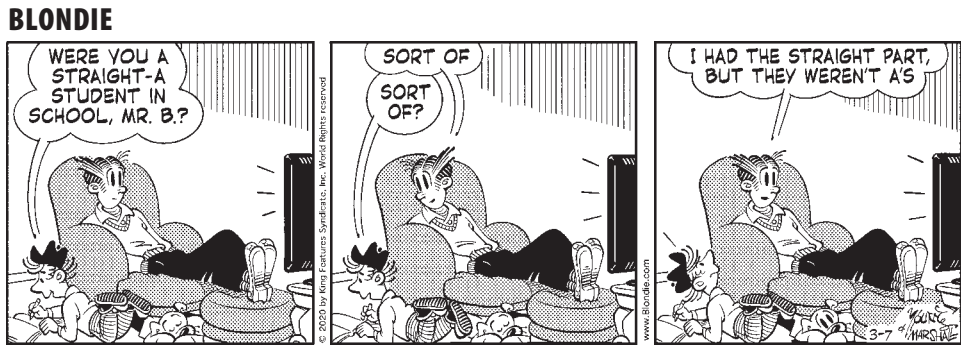
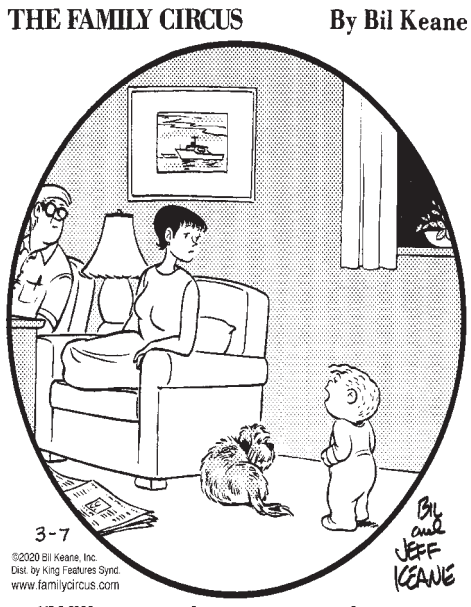


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

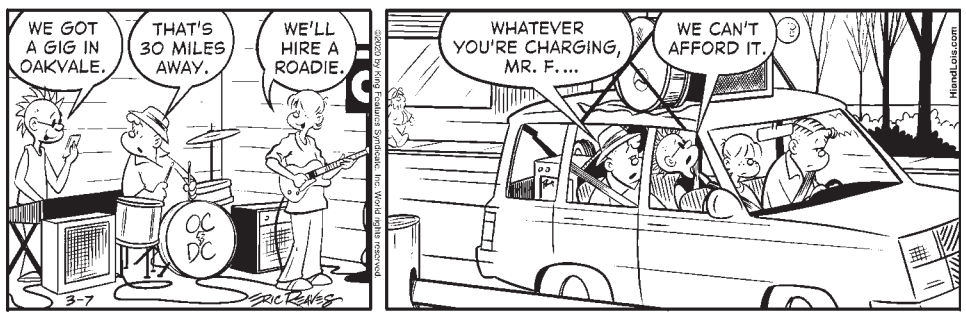


"Will you wake me up so I can watch the clock spring forward?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME! WHY DON'T THEY JUST MAKE SATURDAYS LONGER?"

HI & LOIS



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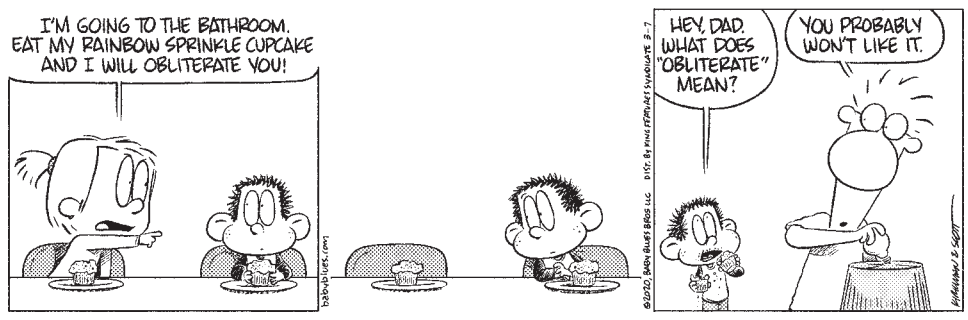

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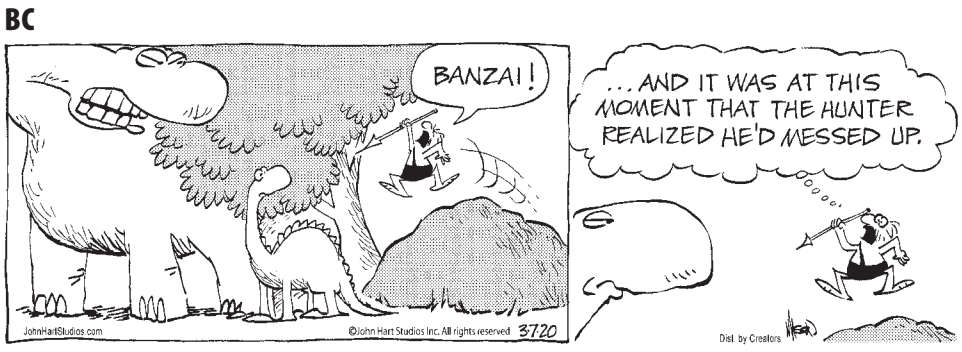

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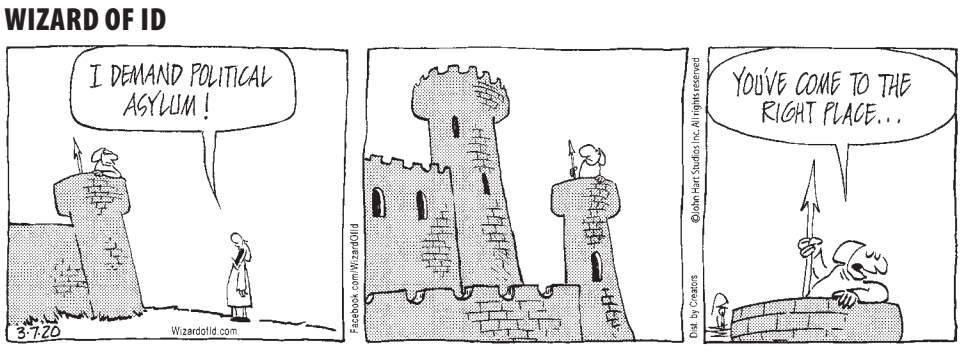

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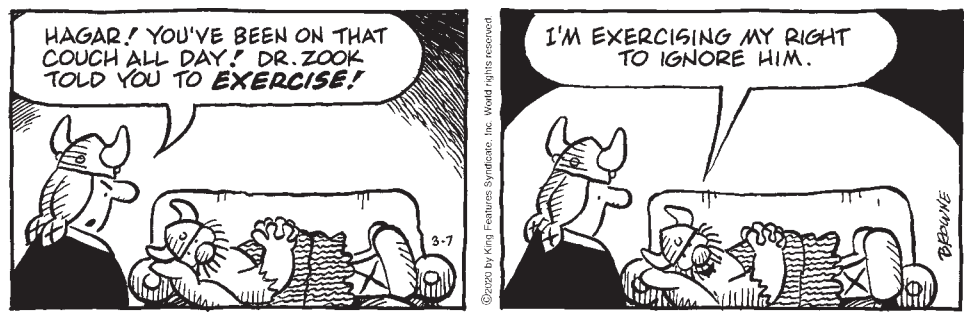

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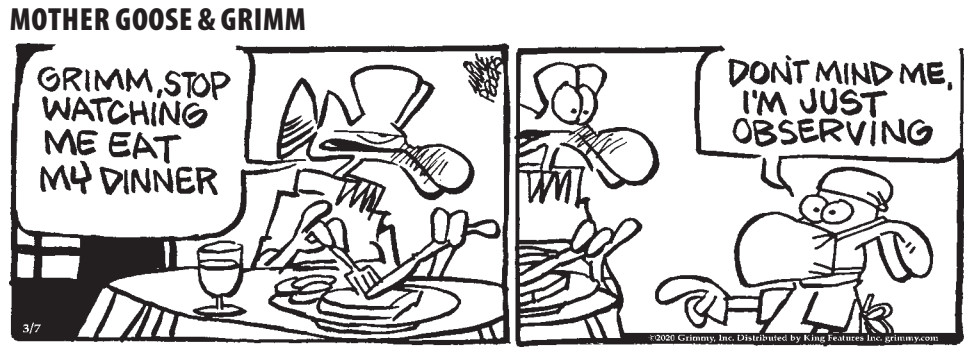

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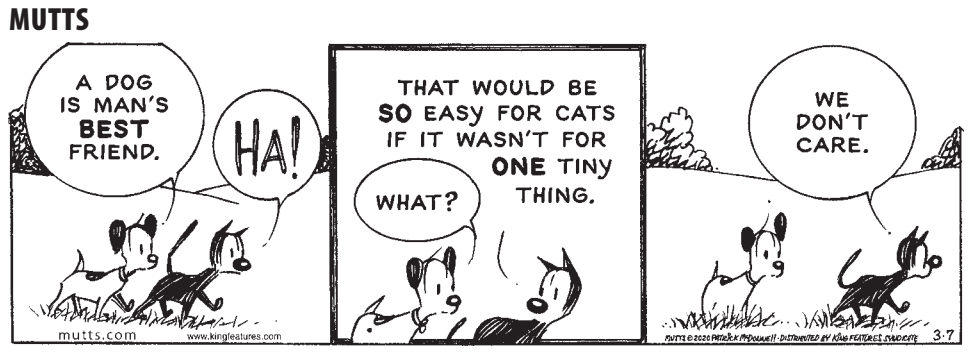

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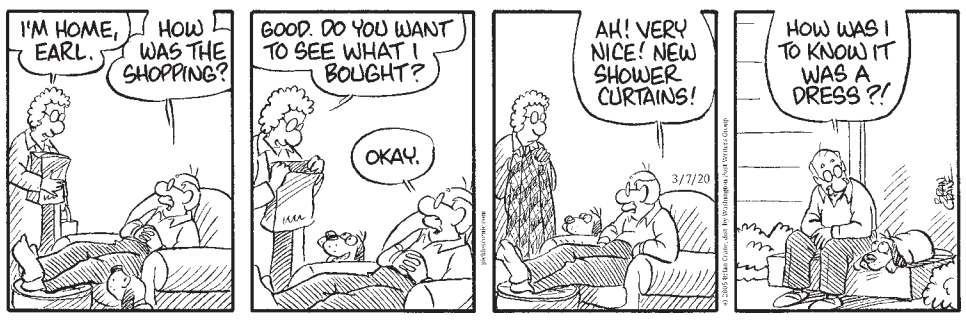

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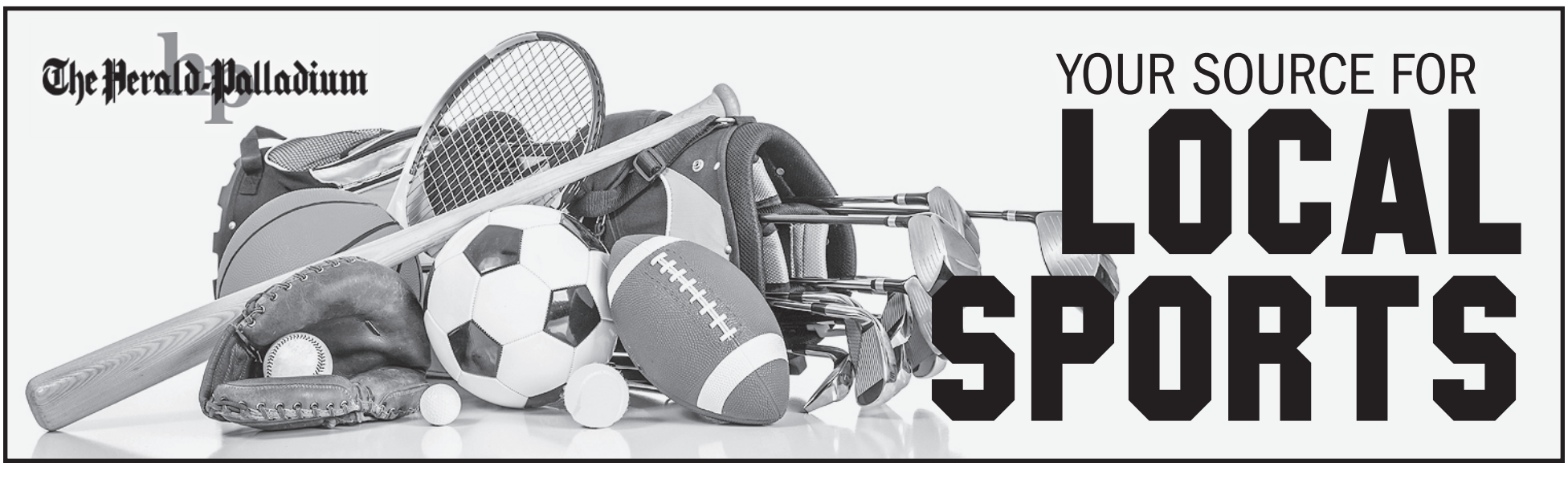

Vickie Page Band to be featured in 'Moondance'

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — When Vickie Page got a call from a friend asking her and her band to be in a movie, she didn't think twice.

"I called my band up and they said, 'sure,' so we went," she said.

The Vickie Page Band has been performing at venues around Southwest Michigan for the last seven years. They've played at festivals, private events, Babe's Lounge, Round Barn Winery, Czar's 505, The Strand and more.

Being on the set of "Moondance: A Love Story in Five Acts" was a whole new experience.

The movie is a musical comedy that follows a rogue director who turns a run of the mill Hollywood love story into a big band musical with the help of his crew and the out of the loop actors.

It will show at 4 p.m. March 15 at Celebration Cinema in Benton Township, where The Vickie Page Band will perform starting at 3 p.m.

The Vickie Page Band's scene was filmed in Kalamazoo in October 2018.

"We are the band playing during the street dance," Page said. "We were set up in a gazebo in a park across from Bell's Eccentric Cafe. They brought in a troupe of 50 professional dancers from Chicago for our number."

The song the band plays in the movie, "Jethro," wasn't theirs, so they had to learn it.

"While they were setting up all the lighting and the tracks for the cameras, we plugged in a boom box and listened to the song and played the song so we would know the timing and everything," Page said. "It took us just five minutes to pick it up."

The Vickie Page Band is made up of Page on guitar and vocals, Steve Kampe on lead guitar, Kelly Kalinas on lead guitar, Brandon Dinges on bass and Rusty Kraklau on drums. Some of the guys pitch in on vocals, too, Page said.

She said the movie directors wanted a band of real musicians so it didn't look fake in the movie.

"We actually were up there playing without our amps being plugged in," Page said.

She said there was some acting involved because "Jethro" is a jazz song, and they are primarily a classic rock 'n' roll band.

"It just shows how versatile our band is that we can literally play anything," Page said.

From Ray Charles and Stevie Ray Vaughan, to original music, the band likes to put their own spin on things and have a blast on stage.

"And we work really hard on these songs," she said. "Some of it is bubble gum music, and we add meat to it and bring the sound into this century. We do some remakes, some of them are covers. We have two lead guitar players, which adds a lot of sound to the music."

Page of St. Joseph has been playing music all her life and has been in several different bands. She is now a full-time musician who is always writing and practicing new songs.

She said she's also proud to add actress to her credits after she got to say a few lines in "Moondance."

"The music all stops and the dancers all lean into each other and I say, 'Ladies and gentleman, the next song is "Jethro",' and I turn around and say, 'Hit it boys,' then we start to play the music," Page said.

She said working with the crew on the movie was great and only a little difficult when they'd do close ups and she couldn't look into the camera.

"It was a fun opportunity to get to be in this movie," Page said. "We really appreciated it. We got paid, which was a bonus, and we're looking forward to the premiere."

"Moondance" was written and directed by Cooper Flannigan and produced by Flannigan and Chase Crawford. The limited-release film will appear in small and large movie theaters around the country in the coming weeks.

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If You Go

What: Performance by The Vickie Page Band followed by the premiere of "Moondance"

When: 3 and 4 p.m. March 15

Where: Celebration Cinema, 1468 Cinema Way, Benton Harbor

How much: $10

More info: 934-7469 or celebrationcinema.com/cinemas/Celebration-Cinema-Benton

Artist contact: vickiepage@outlook.com

Symphony orchestra selects finalists in conductor search

Robin Fountain set to step aside next month after 14 seasons

ST. JOSEPH — The Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra has announced the four finalists from its conductor search: Matthew Aubin, Grant Harville, Timothy Verville and Rachel Waddell.

FOUNTAIN

Last fall, after Music Director and Conductor Robin Fountain announced his departure following the 2019-20 season, the SMSO began its search for his replacement.

A search committee consisting of board members, management, community leaders and orchestra musicians embarked on the process, according to a news release. It received and reviewed more than 140 applications in the following months.

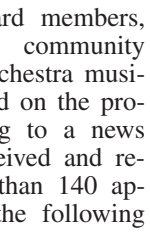
In January, the committee reduced the pool to 10 candidates for formal interviews. Following several interviews, the committee selected four candidates with impressive credentials, experience and philosophy.

This is Fountain's 14th season with the SMSO. He also serves as a professor of conducting at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music.

His final performance with the symphony, "Fountain's Fabulous Finale," is set for April 26.

Each of the candidates has been invited to lead the orchestra in audition concert performances during the 2020 Summer Series and the 2020-21 Mainstage Series. Audiences and orchestra members can provide their feedback about each conductor through surveys.

Meet the candidates


AUBIN

Aubin has conducted and performed internationally from Carnegie Hall to the Musikverein and many stops in between.

Currently in his third season as music director of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, he also serves as artistic director for The Chelsea Symphony in New York City.

He regularly serves as a conductor and consultant for film and TV, including collaborations with the Golden Globe Award-winning series "Mozart in the Jungle," "Younger," and feature films "Joker" and "Bel Canto."

In addition to his conducting work, Aubin is the foremost scholar of the French composer Fernande Breilh-Decruck, according to the release.

He continues to be active as a freelance horn player, and regularly performs across the country.

HARVILLE

Winner of the London Conducting Masterclass Competition and the Agatha C. Church Conducting Award, Harville is music director and conductor for the Great Falls Symphony Association and, for the 2019-20 season, artistic director of the Bozeman Symphony.

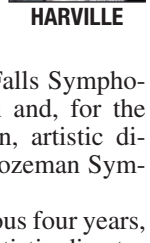
For the previous four years, he served as artistic director and conductor of the Idaho State-Civic Symphony.

Harville has served as associate conductor of the Georgia Symphony, orchestra director at Ripon College, and music director for multiple Madison Savoyards productions.

He was music director of the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and has given numerous clinics for school orchestras, honors orchestras, youth orchestras, orchestra festivals and summer programs, including founding and conducting the East Idaho Honors Orchestra.

His background includes experience as a tubist, vocalist, violist and composer. His compositions have been performed by numerous ensembles and soloists throughout the U.S.

Harville pursued his music studies at the University of Wisconsin and University of Michigan.


VERVILLE

Verville's innovative, imaginative and engaging approaches in the concert hall position him as a multifaceted and multi-talented conductor of the modern orchestral world.

Internationally, this season marks his debuts with Opera Panama, the Panamanian National Symphony Orchestra, and the Far Eastern Symphony Orchestra.

He is in his fourth season as music director and conductor of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra.

In 2007, Verville began a relationship with the Boston Chamber Orchestra that would encompass more than a decade of music making. Beginning as an instrumentalist in the orchestra, he was asked to become associate conductor and later principal guest conductor.

In Phoenix, he served from 2010-17 as the founding artistic director and conductor of Arizona Pro Arte. During this time, the orchestra grew to include a regular masterworks season, a summer orchestral series, educational performances, a chamber music program, a dance ensemble and establish a composer in residence.

Verville commissions and conducts regional, national and world premiere compositions, which have encompassed operatic and symphonic music.

He earned degrees in music from the University of Oklahoma, Arizona State University and the Boston Conservatory. He lives in Georgia with his wife and two children.

WADDELL

Known for her infectious energy and adventurous programming, Waddell is a passionate ambassador for classical music. She takes an active role in the orchestras she leads and their communities, serving as an advocate for development, education and outreach.

In 2019, she attended the Dallas Opera's prestigious Hart Institute for Women Conductors. She has conducted orchestras across the country, including the Rochester, Las Vegas and Fort Wayne Philharmonics, and Cleveland's Suburban Symphony.

In addition to her active professional career, she is music director for the University of Rochester Orchestras in New York.

Originally from Connecticut, Waddell has lived throughout the country, including the Southwest, Midwest and East Coast. She pulls inspiration from her diverse life experiences and travels.

Originally trained as a vocalist, she turned to instrumental music after her time in her local Fife and Drum Corps. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in composition from the Hartt School of Music and a doctorate in orchestral conducting from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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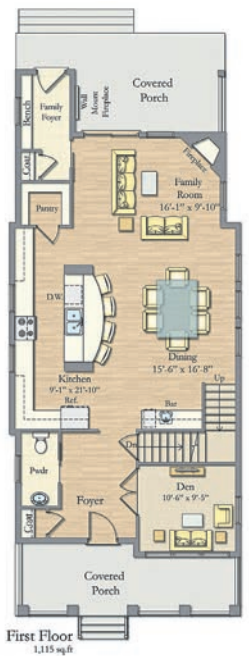

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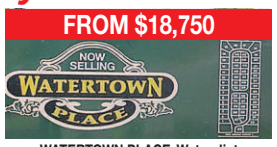

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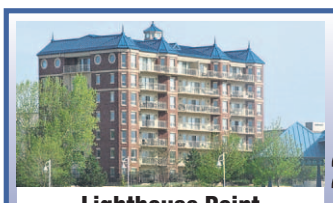

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Set your sights on your target and take action. An aggressive approach will help you stay on track and deter others from getting in your way. Personal growth will lead to intuitive decisions that will help you put a very good plan in play.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Spend more time with people you can count on to give you good advice. Run your ideas by experts, as well as by those who will be affected by the choices you make.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Plan a retreat or a night of entertainment. Getting away from daily pressure will give you a new outlook on bothersome situations. It's time to move along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll get your way regardless, so don't push your will on others. A renewed interest in something or someone from your past will encourage you to reconnect. Romance is favored.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Look to someone you respect for answers, not to acquaintances who know little about you. Avoid being the topic of conversation by keeping your personal life secret.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Finish what you start. Consider how to use your skills and qualifications in a new and exciting way. Overspending, overdoing or overindulging won't help you get ahead. Romance is on the rise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll find a solution to a problem if you take a step back and rethink your strategy. Cut your overhead and save for something that will make you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do your own thing. The more riled up you become over something you cannot change, the harder it will be to move forward. Don't confide in someone who can't keep a secret.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Mix business with pleasure. Show how entertaining and intelligent you can be. Physical activities will prove to be stimulating and will lead to exciting people and prospects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone will offer you inside information. A change at home will confuse you. Don't make a hasty decision; instead, wait to see what develops. Nothing will turn out as bad as you anticipate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your plans to yourself. Visit an establishment that offers the information you require to make a useful decision. Distance yourself from personal problems and people who perplex you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Work on your resume or qualifications if it will help you head in a direction that you find more exciting. Don't let a personal partner discourage you or hold you back.

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1 __ copy
7 Stopped the ship, in nautical lingo
13 Female Plymouth Colony settler, say
20 Bagel Bites brand
21 Nostalgic numbers
22 Cradlesong
23 Floating flower going under?
25 Everywhere
26 Montréal morning
27 Longings
28 Ratio of a synagogue's center column to its roof slope?
30 Aerosmith's "Love __ Elevator"
31 __ dixit: unproven claim
32 They're selective
33 Tricolor cats
35 Tony nominee Phillipa of "Hamilton"
37 Like a prof. emeritus
38 Folklore pests
42 End a slump?
44 Darts
47 Least ludicrous
49 Org. involved in the Waco Siege
52 Simon, partly?
55 Jamaican tangelos
56 Stable girls
58 Girl in a wool coat
59 Sell in a hurry
61 James Patterson hero __ Cross
62 Playful swimmer
64 Put to work
69 Highways pitted with potholes?
71 Cast of "Caddyshack"?
74 Home to Purdue
75 Like a hawk
76 Altar attire
77 Revealing type
81 Bother a lot
82 Nocturnal dorm annoyance
83 Longtime SeaWorld star
87 Hauling beach umbrellas?
91 Luis Almagro's org.
92 Source of a movie poster quote
94 Place to stay
95 Romanov royals
97 Pitcher and poker pro Hershiser
98 Portuguese pronoun
100 Equinox mo.
102 Song refrain
106 Defamatory
110 Word on an Irish euro
112 Dwarf planet formerly known as Xena
113 Pointy-bottomed paper cups missing their holders?
116 Place name from the Greek for "I burn"
117 Pablo's last word
118 Like the moons Titania and Oberon
119 "Someone stole our cash box!"?
122 Film sequel word
123 Make bubbly
124 __ Pieces
125 Came out
126 Tuning shortcut
127 Art supporters

DOWN

1 __ dust
2 Grande dame of pop
3 Thrifty offering
4 They don't cover much
5 Hopkins' "Thor" role
6 Tandoori bread
7 Is sweet on
8 Dior skirts
9 Pledges that end an engagement
10 Pickles on "Rugrats"
11 They may be gnashed or gritted
12 Path lead-in
13 Go by
14 Rod Stewart and David Bowie rocked them in the '70s
15 Not as healthy
16 Treating as unimportant, with "over"
17 Beatle George's Indian friend
18 Irving Bacheller's "__ Holden"
19 Brontë heroine
24 Plaster of Paris component
29 Bite
31 I as in Iris
32 Seabiscuit, once
34 Butts
36 Starts to dicker, maybe
39 Blanc who voiced Bugs
40 Chi follower
41 HI and OK
43 Katniss' "Hunger Games" ally
45 Letters for short people?
46 Spike TV, formerly
48 Film part
49 Early luthier family name
50 Eagle claw
51 Slip eponym
53 Due
54 Musical "phone" namesake
57 Nov. celebrant
60 Sorting aid on an env.
62 Yes-__ question
63 Done for
65 Freddie Mac purchase
66 Aptly named cooler maker
67 Marty, in "Madagascar" films
68 Twisty turns
70 World Court site, with "The"
71 Snarl
72 Mendes and Perón
73 Oxygen's atomic number
78 Djibouti language
79 "Letters From __ Jima": 2006 film
80 Tire-changing spot
82 Toxin fighters
83 Sign of being full?
84 Yon yacht
85 One of 17 Monopoly props.
86 Hat designer
88 Capone nemesis
89 __ projection
90 "I __ you!"
93 Home or FAQ, e.g.
96 Heavy hammers
99 Listed at sea
101 Dress size
103 Easy on the ears
104 Duettist with Diana in "Endless Love"
105 Do taxing work?
107 Cupcake topper
108 Ready in the keg
109 One who helps you find your place
111 Fjord, for one
113 Antidote
114 City once known as Provo Bench
115 Church part
116 Flight sked info
117 In the Red?
120 Middle of a memorable palindrome
121 Extreme umbrage

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Going to the PROM

DEAR CAR TALK: How does a digital odometer keep its reading when you disconnect the battery?

No, I don't work for a used car dealer. – Steve

DEAR STEVE: It uses something called a PROM. And it's not the thing that you rented a tuxedo for in high school.

A PROM is a type of computer chip. The letters stand for Programmable Read-Only Memory. There's a PROM in the odometer itself, which is constantly updated with the new odometer reading.

Each time a new reading is recorded, it permanently replaces the old reading. And it doesn't require a battery. It stores whatever information was last written on it indefinitely. Think of it like an etching.

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

The odometer's PROM cannot be tinkered with. At least not by us mere mortals.

When someone comes into our shop with a bad speedometer head, we can't simply order a new one and install it and set the odometer's mileage. We have to send it to an authorized facility, where they transfer the old mileage reading to the new odometer and send it back to us.

We have neither the equipment nor the authorization to set a PROM reading in an odometer. Otherwise, like you, we'd go into the used car business.

DEAR CAR TALK: My 2010 Chevy Impala keeps telling me that I don't have a left-rear tire! But I can see it right there on the car. And it's even correctly inflated to 32 psi.

It happened soon after I took the car to the tire guy to get my winter tires put on. Two days later the tire sensor says "POOF," my left-rear tire is not even recognized. Gone.

I take it back to the tire guy and the sensor light goes off as we drive into tire guys' parking lot.

The tire sensor light is playing games and goes off and on when the weather fluctuates. Can I take this car on a road trip later this month, or is it not safe? Should I use the Car Talk black tape solution? – Mindy

DEAR MINDY: My brother used to be confused by the Check Engine light. He'd check the engine, see it was still there, shrug, and get back in the car.

I think you've got a bad tire pressure sensor. There's a tire pressure sensor in each tire. And each one communicates wirelessly with the car's computer.

They originally tried wiring them, but after the test drivers wrapped about 50,000 feet of wire around each axle, they gave up on that approach.

Anyway, if your sensor is broken, or if it's incompatible with your car, and the car's computer cannot connect to it, it'll trigger a warning that tells you it's not recognized.

It's possible that your tire guy damaged the sensor when he swapped out your tires and didn't know it. Or it's possible that he knew he broke it and replaced it with an aftermarket sensor that doesn't work well with your car.

Or it's possible that the sensor's time was just up, or that its battery is dead after 10 years, and the visit to the tire store was just a coincidence.

In any case, a trip back to the tire store is in order. Explain that within two days of your visit, the warning light came on and is now coming on intermittently. The two days gives him plausible deniability. But if he's a good guy, and he thinks it's likely he damaged the sensor, he'll replace it.

If he's a good guy and he doesn't think he damaged it, he may at least replace it without charging you for labor. If he's not a good guy, he'll still replace it, he'll just charge you for it. It'll cost you between $50 and $100.

But you should get it replaced. And ask him to use the original equipment (OEM) General Motors sensor for your Impala. The OEM sensors tend to pair up most easily and work most reliably, in our experience.

While we sometimes recommend the "black tape solution" (putting a piece of electrical tape over an offending warning light) for problems with no safety consequence, this is not one of those.

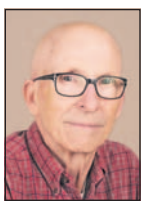
Even though you've confirmed not only the presence of your rear tire, but it's proper inflation pressure, that could change on a road trip. And that's exactly the purpose of the tire pressure monitoring system; to let you know if you lose air and are in danger of a blowout. So get it fixed and enjoy your trip.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray Magliozzi in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email him by visiting the Car Talk website: www.cartalk.com.

Long-gone popular car features

I'm going to admit something today, but I probably don't need to, because readers already know that I'm as "old school" as they come. Often on these pages I admit I'm a devoted Luddite and I resist many of the new fandangle "so-called improvements" being added to our cars to make them better. I must say I really like my high technology Buick Verano. It is an ideal vehicle for people like me who want a smaller-sized, near-luxury automobile that has all the previously mentioned fandangle safety features available and not cost a great deal. I'm still in mourning that GM and Buick were forced to discontinue the well-built and nicely designed sedan because of diminishing sales.

Dar Davis



For the most part driving my Buick is a pleasant experience. I look forward to taking trips, long or short. I find the comfort of the bucket seats and the quiet provided by the well-insulated car to be ideal. That said, I do find that there are times when I wish my nice modern car had some old-fashion features that we all once enjoyed in cars. I don't know about you, but on a day when it's not really hot outside, and air conditioning isn't needed, I'd love to be able to reach with my left hand and open the triangle shaped wing vent on the side window. Remember them? I'm sure smokers do. They were even nice to have on cooler days when the heater was on. Letting in a little fresh air made the car's cabin more comfortable. For both aerodynamic and aesthetic reasons the side vent window went the way of the Dodo bird back in the 1960s, never to be seen again. Maybe if we all make a fuss, they can make a comeback.

Speaking of fresh air, remember the kick panel vents under the dash on each side of the car. Pull a knob, lower a side window or two and, presto, the cabin filled with nice fresh air. I'd like for them to return as well. I guess they were eliminated to save cost, and also on some cars I'm sure they were a source of leaks and noise. The popularity of air conditioning also took its toll. Apparently the manufacturers ask, "Who needs fresh air when you can just keep your dual zone air conditioning system, with its network of thermostats and duct dampers, on all the time providing perfectly cooled or heated air 24/7?"

Back when my skin was smooth and I had hair, I decided my first new car would be GM's Chevy rear-engined Corvair. I was a newly hired teacher and the Vair Monza was in my price range, barely. I wanted something extra stylish and back in the '60s what was more stylish and cool than a car with bucket seats. Bucket seats were not all that common in the early '60s, but the quickly emerging popularity of muscle and pony cars, bucket seat popularity rose quickly. Today it is almost impossible to buy a new car with a bench seat. I like the "cockpit" feel of sitting in a bucket, but I must confess that I rather miss the old bench seat. Most cars and trucks with buckets also have a center console. In my Buick that center console, while convenient to hold things like coins, Chapstick, Coke bottles and such, is a bother when I want to place something on the passenger seat (like my bulky yoga mat after a visit to the YMCA) when entering the car. The old bench seat was like a nice long table. You could swing things easily over on the seat when entering the car. For that reason alone I miss them. There are other reasons young folks miss them, but best not mentioned here.

Photos by Dar Davis / HP correspondent

For years just about every vehicle sold in the U.S. had as standard equipment the little wing vent located at the forward edge of the side window (shown, 1957 Plymouth). Opened, the glass panels directed fresh outside air to the occupants in the car. Smokers like them for obvious reasons. Wing vents came manual or power. Wing vents departed the scene soon after GM successfully introduced, for aesthetic and aerodynamic reasons, the Riviera and Toronado, sans wing vents.

Trivia question

What year did GM offer two cars without the side wing vent window for the first time?

Back in the day, before the massive plastic fascia surfaces covering bumpers were common on today's cars, automakers actually designed cars with trunks that had a low lift-over height so suitcases, boxes and such could easily be placed into the trunk. Demands for structural rigidity for safety reasons and high-style influences apparently means the days of trunks with really low-loading lip, like on this 1955 Chevy, are over.

Probably the least used automotive feature nowadays, at least on my car, is the headlight dimmer switch. I try not to use my bright lights if there is oncoming traffic. Unless I'm on I-94 at 2:30 a.m., it is seldom that there is a time when there is no oncoming traffic, so for weeks it goes unused. Needless to say, especially with the new powerful LED headlights, having the option of bright lights when needed is wonderful. Over the years the headlight dimmer switch mounting has moved from the floor (more on that in a moment) to the steering column. Manufacturers apparently back in the day reached an unspoken agreement to standardize the location of the dimmer so as to avoid confusion. I recall the day when most dimmers were foot-operated switches located on the floorboard, almost always to the left of the clutch or brake pedal. I'm of the opinion that my foot moves faster than my hand and when car headlights crested a hill unexpectedly, I can slam my foot faster on the dimmer switch to avoid blinding the driving coming my way. The reason that the switch location was "switched" to the column probably had nothing to do with foot and hand coordination, but rather because the floor-mounted dimmer switch was prone to corrosion caused by salt and all that grime our left foot brought to the party every time we entered the car.

I have a first hand story to tell about the effects of dimmer switch corrosion. Back in the early 1970s I had a job that required driving thousands of miles a month. A typical day would sometimes involve multiple meetings that lasted into the night. One late night while hurrying home on a freeway through Grand Rapids, I used the car's floor-mounted dimmer switch and instantly my headlights went off – going probably 60 or 70 miles per hour – in the dark! Somehow I managed to get off the highway and an accident was avoided. I remember the shock of having no lights, but for the life of me I don't recall how I got home that night without headlights. I have proof that those switches were vulnerable to corrosion.

I'm out of space, but I also miss the days when low trunk lids made loading heavy boxes, bags of groceries and suitcases easy. GM, especially in the mid-'50s and early '60s, seemed to make an effort to provide a low trunk opening on its lower priced cars. The 1955-57 and 1961-64 Chevys come to mind as good examples.

Got an interesting car story to tell? Maybe being the owner of the same car for decades since new, or maybe a car once owned by a celebrity? I like to report on extremely rare vehicles (maybe a 1960 Edsel convertible) and ones that bring a smile to our face when we see one (like an AMC Metro.) Drop me a line if you'd like to share your story.

■ Trivia answer: 1966, on the Olds Toronado and Buick Riviera.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Some sedans worth considering amid the SUV mania

By CAMERON ROGERS
Edmunds (AP)

SUVs are among the most popular vehicles on the road today, and their sales growth has come at the expense of the traditional four-door sedan.

Many shoppers are attracted to the greater utility and higher seating positions these vehicles typically provide. But there are still some great reasons to buy a sedan in 2020.

Though sedan sales have lost their luster over the past five to six years, they still account for roughly one-quarter of all new vehicles sold in 2019. Compared to similarly equipped SUVs, sedans are less expensive, more fuel-efficient and typically a little sportier.

Here are a few sedans that stand out from the rest and serve as solid alternatives to the SUV humdrum. We also will compare each sedan to a conceptually similar SUV in price and fuel economy to highlight the potential savings.

Toyota Yaris

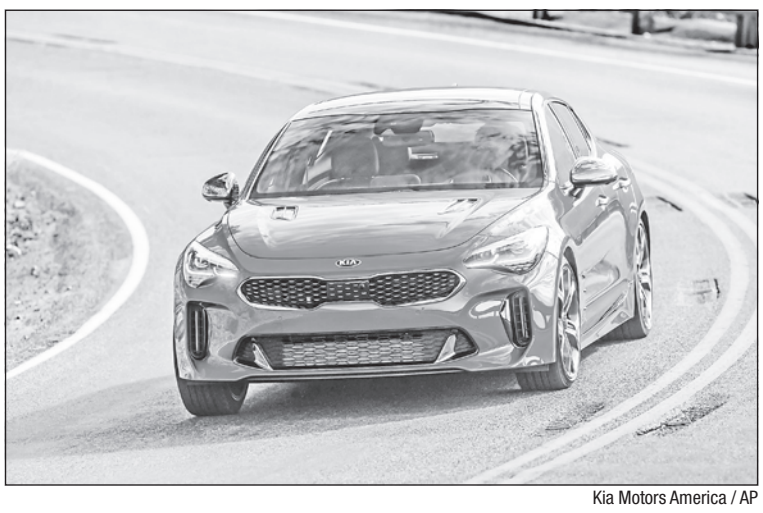
The Toyota Yaris is one of the most enjoyable small sedans available. Every Yaris comes with a lot of features for the money, including Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration.

Even fully loaded models don't break the $20,000 mark. The Yaris is also fun to drive. While its modestly powered engine dampens expectations a bit, the Yaris does have uncommonly nimble handling for a vehicle in this price class.

BASE PRICE (WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION): $17,705 (all prices include destination)

EPA-ESTIMATED FUEL ECONOMY: 35 mpg combined

SUV RIVAL: 2020 Toyota C-HR at $22,415 and 29 mpg combined



Kia Motors America / AP

The 2020 Kia Stinger is a performance-oriented midsize four-door car. It is technically a hatchback with a cargo area that can hold more gear than a typical sedan.

Kia Stinger

The Stinger is a bit of an oddball in Kia's lineup. It's about the same size as the Optima midsize sedan, but it offers a sleeker look and stronger performance. It's almost as if Kia's engineers set out to build their own take on a European luxury sport sedan.

The Stinger's interior is upscale and has a rear hatchback trunk design that makes it easy to load cargo. The only major drawback is a lack of rear headroom and legroom.

BASE PRICE: $34,125

EPA-ESTIMATED FUEL ECONOMY: 25 mpg combined

SUV RIVAL: 2020 BMW X3 at $42,945 and 27 mpg combined

Honda Insight

You can think of the Honda Insight as a Civic with a hybrid powertrain. It's roomy, just like a Civic, and has plenty of luggage space as well as storage spots for your small personal items.

The Insight's hybrid components provide relatively sprightly acceleration and among the best fuel economy you'll find from a traditional hybrid. Other than its occasionally noisy engine, this fuel-sipping sedan has no significant drawbacks.

BASE PRICE: $23,885

EPA-ESTIMATED FUEL ECONOMY: 52 mpg combined

SUV RIVAL: 2020 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid at $29,470 and 40 mpg combined

Tesla Model 3

Yes, the Model 3 is an electric vehicle, but it's so good that you could justify buying it instead of an SUV or even a traditional luxury sedan. It's fast, modern and surprisingly practical.

The Model 3's lack of physical buttons for many of the controls is a drawback, but you do get a big touchscreen and high-end features such as Tesla's Autopilot suite of driving aids. It also boasts up to 322 miles of range before you'll need to recharge.

BASE PRICE: $41,290 (not including tax incentives)

EPA-ESTIMATED EFFICIENCY: 24 kWh/100 miles (lower kWh is better)

SUV RIVAL: 2020 Jaguar I-Pace at $70,875 and 44 kWh/100 miles

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Get back to basics this year. Make adjustments to your lifestyle and appearance that will make you feel and look good. A positive attitude, coupled with sensitivity toward others, will encourage better relationships. Don't be afraid to try something new. If you embrace what interests you, you'll enrich your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you offer help, you will get help in return. A personal change will improve your life and a relationship with someone special. A financial gain is heading your way. Romance is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A secretive approach to your plans will help you avoid unnecessary interference. Don't let emotional issues cause uncertainty or push you in a direction you don't want to pursue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Discuss plans with someone affected by the choices you make. A romantic gesture will bring you closer to a loved one. Consider a move that will free up cash.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't count on anything or anyone. Take control of any situation you are involved in to avoid a negative outcome. Safeguard your reputation; someone will try to make you look bad.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make a statement and impress the people around you with your concern, affection and desire to make the world a better place. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get moving and be on the lookout for exciting people, places and things to do. A trip or social event will offer unique possibilities, as long as you don't overspend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get your priorities straight. You can accomplish a lot if you are organized. The quicker you take care of responsibilities, the more time you will have for fun and games.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you use your ingenuity, creative ideas will unfold. Adapt your plans to suit current economic trends. Attend a trade show or conference that will offer connections and insight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do what comes naturally. Follow your heart and head down the path that feels comfortable. Market what you have to offer. Romance is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll get the wrong impression about the cost of something you want to do or buy. Don't avoid a situation, or things will escalate into an argument. Honesty is the best policy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Play to win. Get involved in activities that stimulate your mind, body and soul. A change in a meaningful relationship looks promising. Romance will enhance your life and prospects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be up-front about your past. If you have nothing to hide, it will be easier to figure out where you stand. Think matters through and do what's right. A change will boost your morale.

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RAM TRUCK MONTH

Jeep CELEBRATION EVENT

2019 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4

BLACK FOREST GREEN, SNOW CHIEF GROUP, 6.7 CUMMINS DIESEL, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C19267

MSRP	$54,315
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,570
REBATE	- 2,000
RAM BONUS CASH COUPON	- 250
CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVEYRONE	$46,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $45,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, PERFORATED LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, LANE DEPARTURE WARNING, DUAL PANE PANORAMIC ROOF, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FIRST AND SECOND ROW SEATS, POWER LIFTGATE, ALPINE SPEAKER SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C20031

MSRP	$51,035
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,040
REBATE	- 2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH	- 2,000
JEEP SELECT INVENTORY	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$43,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $42,745

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2019 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4

FLAME RED, 5.7 HEMI V8 ENGINE, TRAILER TOW GROUP, BLACK TUBULAR SIDE STEPS, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, SATELLITE RADIO, RECEIVER HITCH, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, REAR POWER SLIDING WINDOW, SPRAY -IN-BEDLINER, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C19349

MSRP	$44,875
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,130
REBATE	- 2,000
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
BONUS CASH	- 1,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$35,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $34,995

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2019 DODGE CHALLENGER GT ALL WHEEL DRIVE

TOR RED, POWER SUNROOF, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 19 INCH PAINTED ALUMINUM WHEELS, POWER SEAT, BACK-UP CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! C19311

LEASE FOR $339/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4

STINE GRAY, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, SATELLITE RADIO, 3.6 V6 ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MUCH MORE! C20036

LEASE FOR $339/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

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MAXIMUM STEEL METALLIC, NAVIGATION, 20 INCH ALUMINUM CHROME CLAD WHEELS, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER DRIVERS SEAT, POWER ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20083

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BIKINI, 3.6 V6 ENGINE, AIR CONDITIONING, DEEP TINT SUNSCREEN WINDOWS, BLACK WHEELS, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, AND MUCH MORE! C20012

MSRP	$34,080
FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR ALL DISCOUNT	- 1,140
FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRICE	$32,940
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$31,440
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

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MSRP	$43,195
ADD FOR DUMP BODY	+12,038
SUBTOTAL	$55,233
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,738
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CASH	- 500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD COMMERCIAL CONNECTION UPFIT BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $49,495

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2019 FORD RANGER 4X4 CREW CAB LARIAT

INGOT SILVER, LEATHER SEATS, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, REMOTE START, NAVIGATION, B & O SPEAKER SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL, AND MUCH MORE! F19281

MSRP	$42,590
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,095
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD GM & RAM CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 4,000

SALE PRICE* $35,245

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2019 FORD F-150 RAPTOR SUPERCREW 4X4

RUBY RED METALLIC, LEATHER SEATS, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, INTEGRATED BRAKE CONTROLLER, LED BOX LIGHTING, REMOTE START, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, NAVIGATION, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, HEATED SEATS, AND MUCH MORE! F19125

MSRP	$68,715
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 6,720

SALE PRICE* $61,995

2019 FORD F-250 CREW CAB 4X4 XLT

MAGNETIC, 6.7 DIESEL, TAILGATE STEP, FORD PASS CONNECT, SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE, TRAILER TOW MIRRORS, CHROME RUNNING BOARDS, FOG LAMPS, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, 18 INCH WHEELS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, LOCKING REAR AXLE, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! F19013

MSRP	$61,060
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 5,065
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750

SALE PRICE* $53,995

2019 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW 4X4

RACE RED, 2.7 ECOBOOST ENGINE, STX APPEARANCE PACKAGE, 20 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, SYNC 3, PRIVACY GLASS, SATELLITE RADIO, RUNNING BOARDS, LOCKING REAR AXLE, TRAILER HITCH, FOG LIGHTS, AND MUCH MORE! F19124

PLUS 0% FOR 60 MONTHS (WITH APPROVED CREDIT) WITH A 10 YEAR/100,000 MILES POWERTRAIN CARE WARRANTY

MSRP	$44,730
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,985
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 4,500

SALE PRICE* $37,245

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SMOKE METALLIC, 1.0 ECOBOOST ENGINE, 16 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, FORD PASS CONNECT, AND MUCH MORE! F20193

MSRP	$21,090
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 195
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,500
FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH	- 500
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FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,500

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MAGNETIC, 1.5 ECOBOOST ENGINE, POWER SEAT, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, FORD CO-PILOT 360 REAR VIEW CAMERA, KEYLESS KEYPAD, SATELLITE RADIO, FORD PASS CONNECT, AND MUCH MORE! F20122

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36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE CASH, OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

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MSRP	$29,855
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,660
FORD MUSTANG RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

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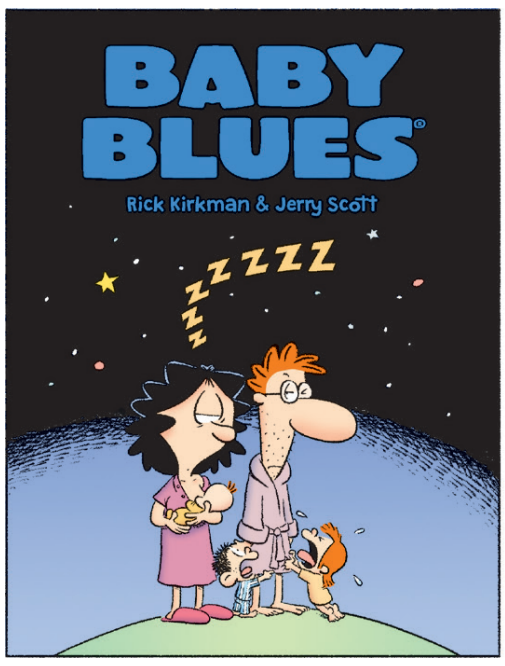

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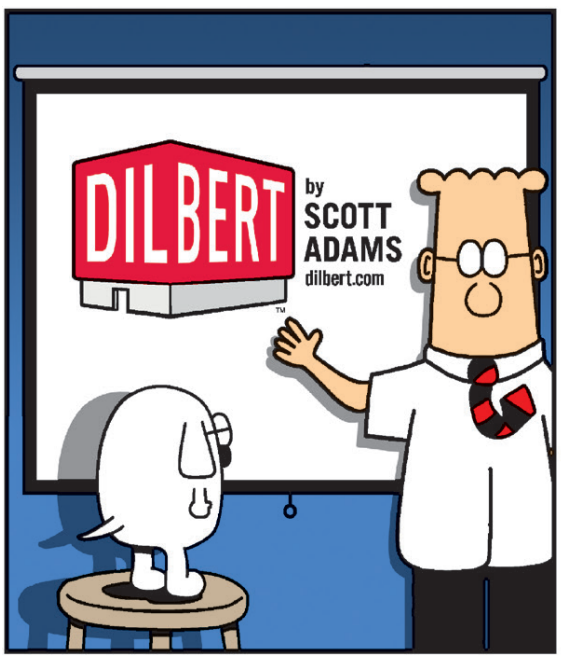

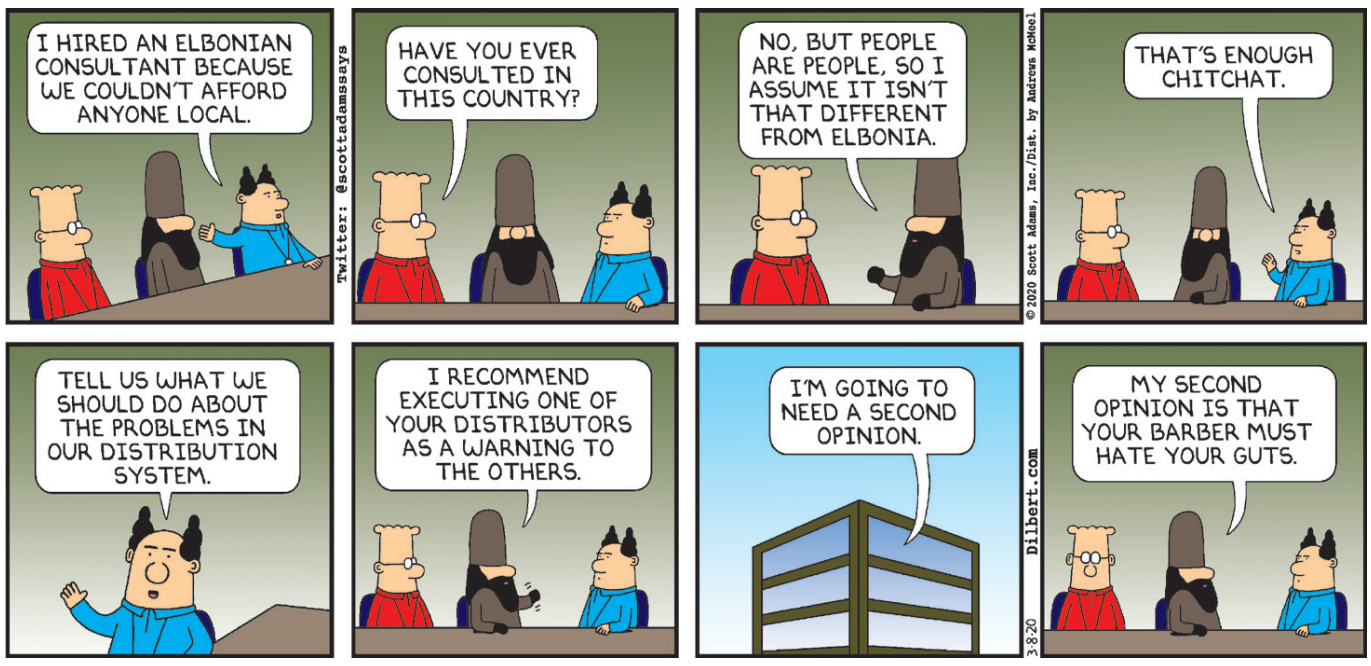

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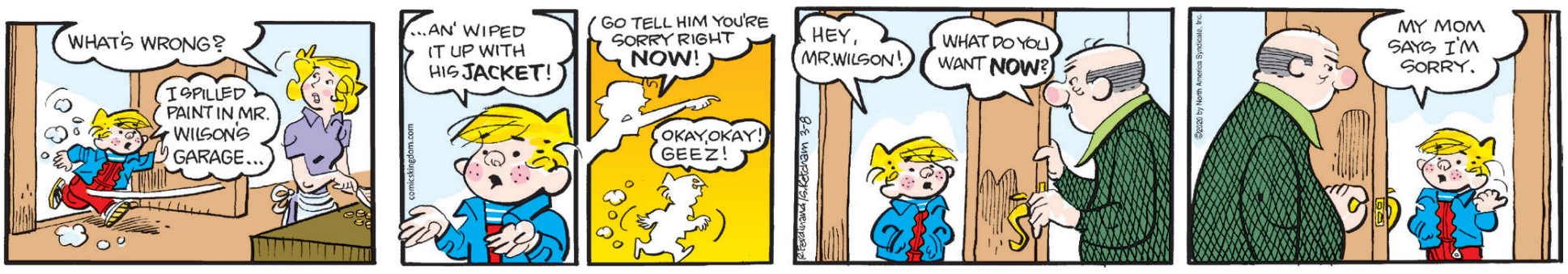

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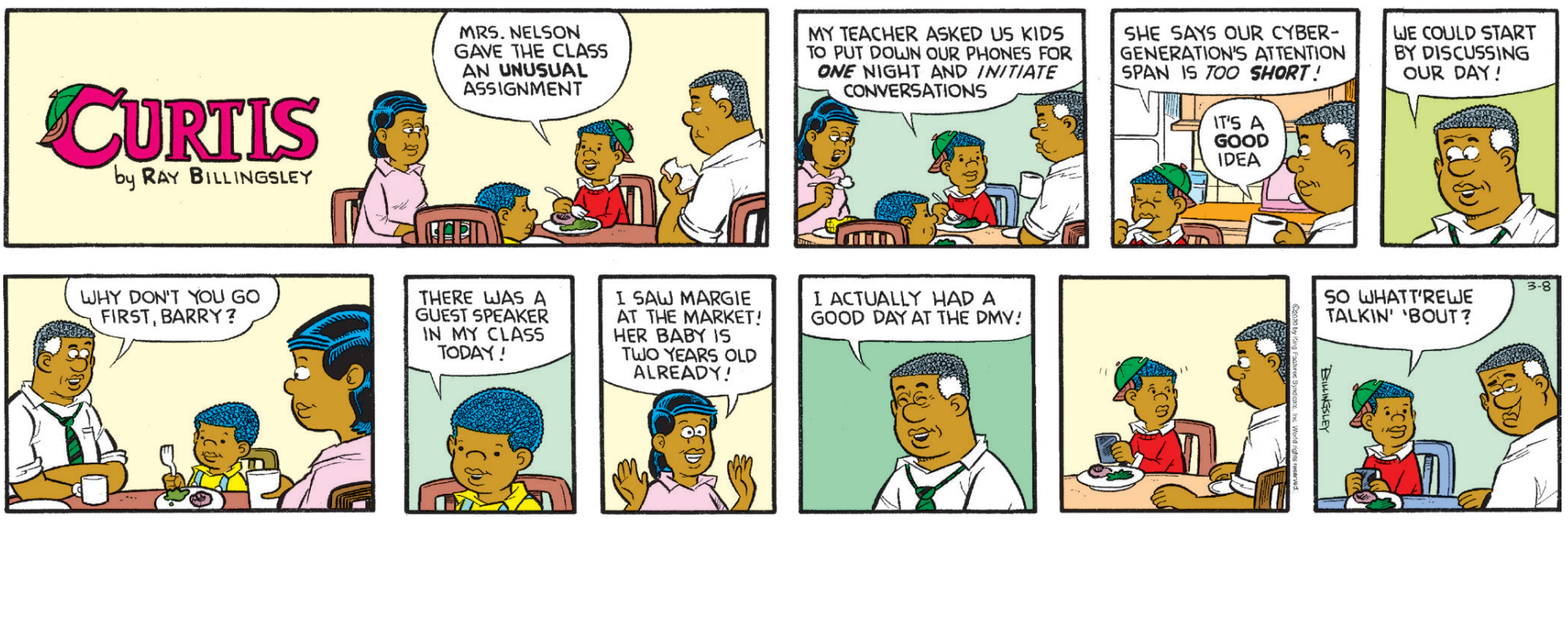

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YOU KNOW, YOU MADE IT WITH ONLY TWO SECONDS TO SPARE THIS TIME!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M WEARING MY LUCKY SOCKS

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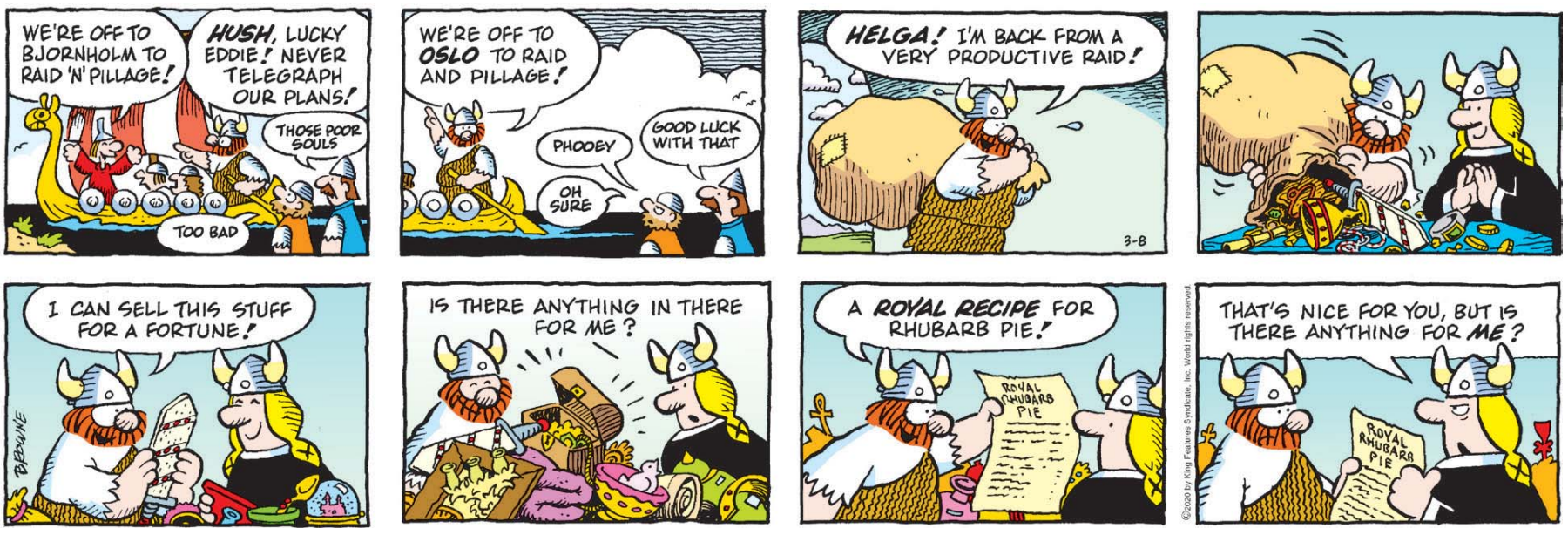

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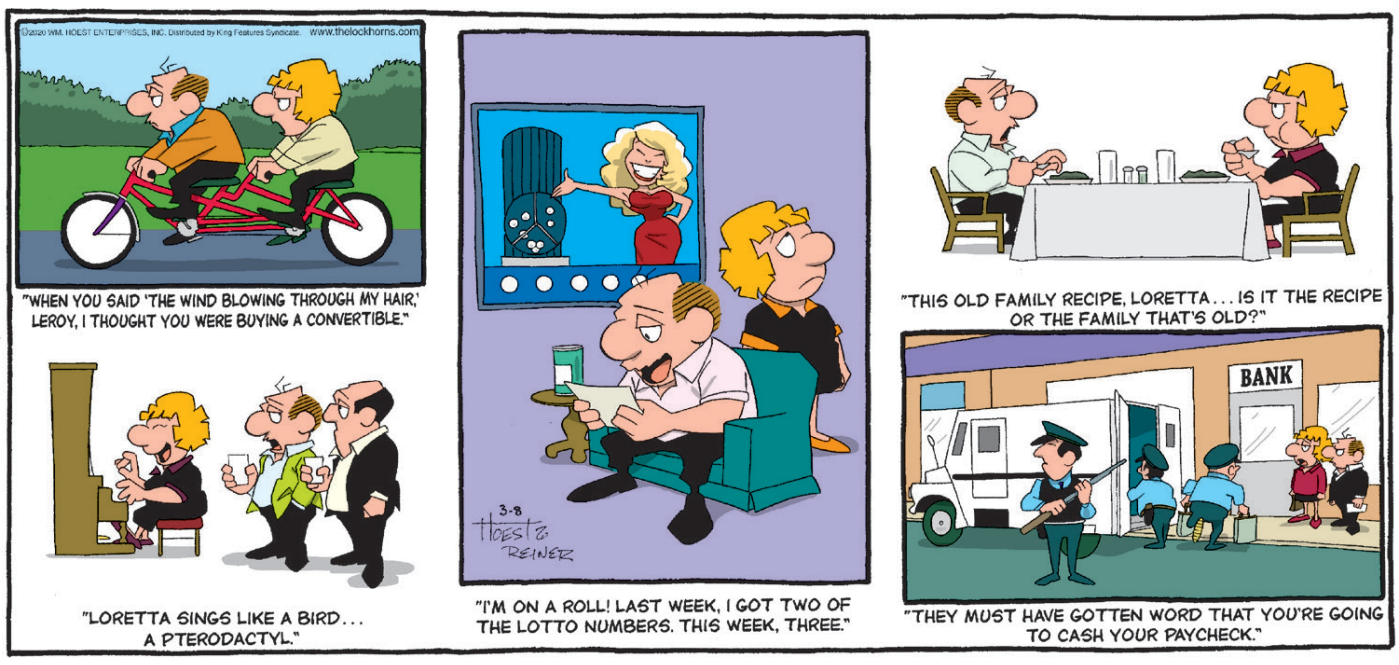

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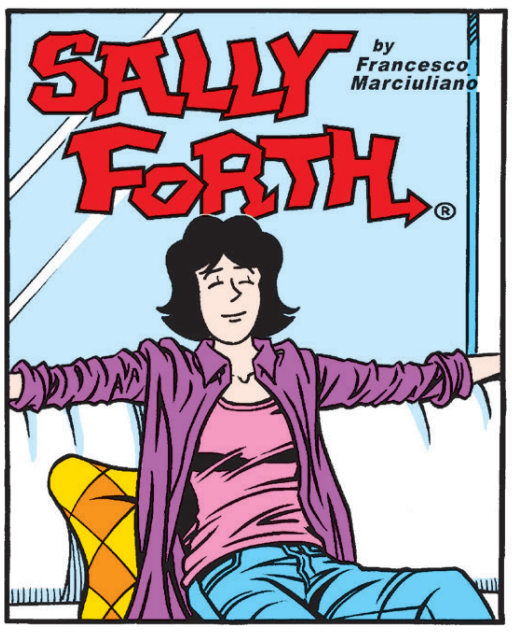

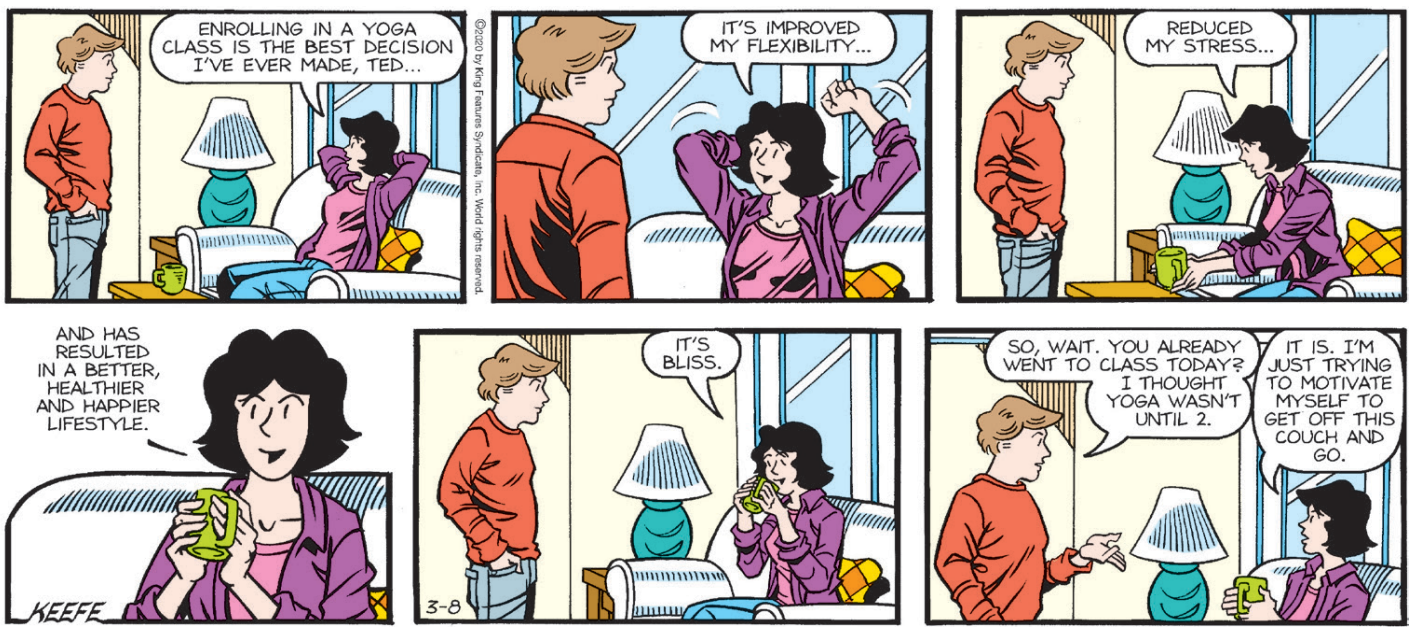

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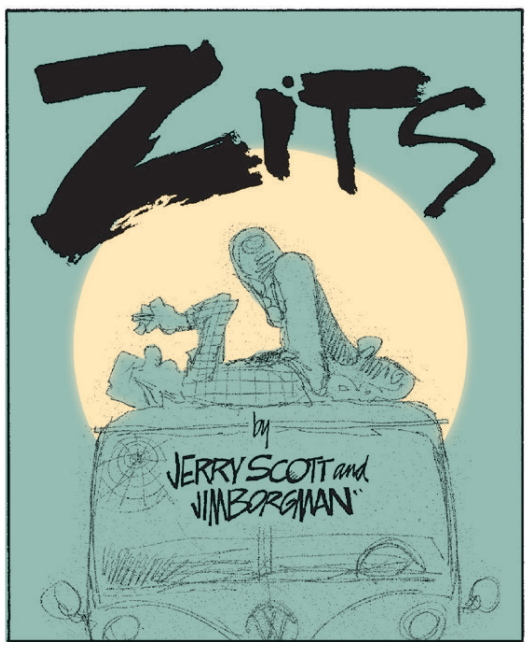

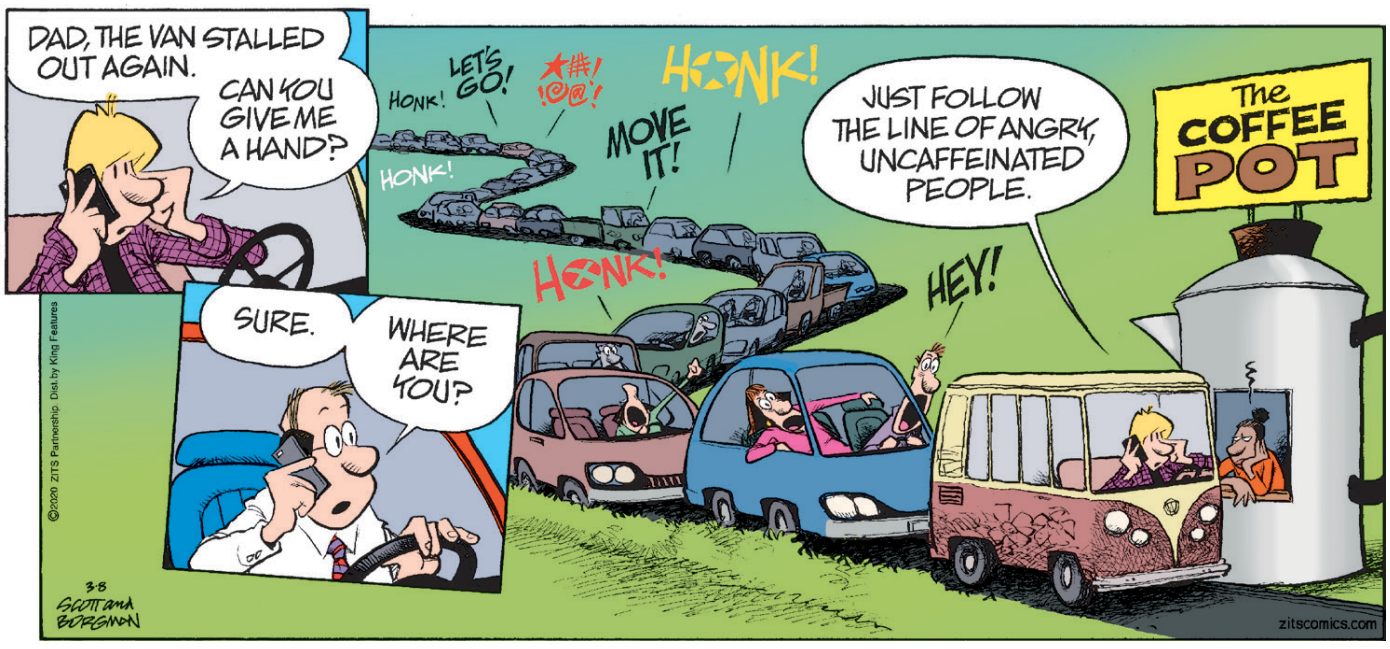

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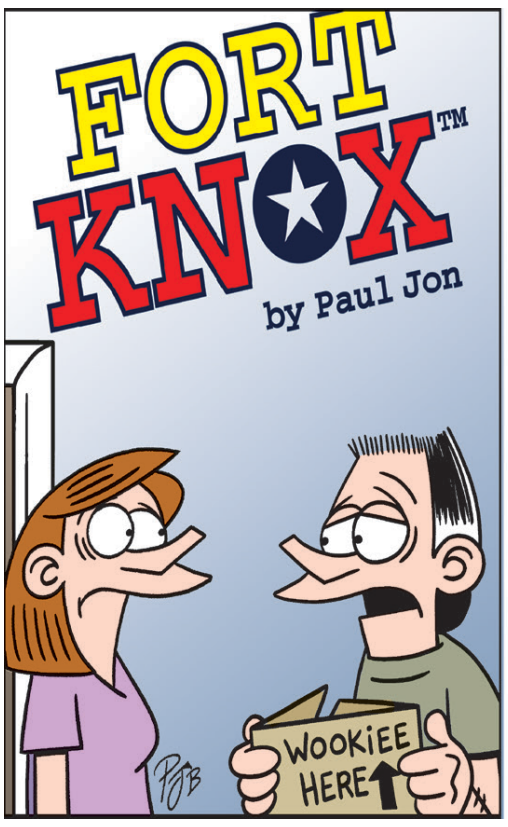

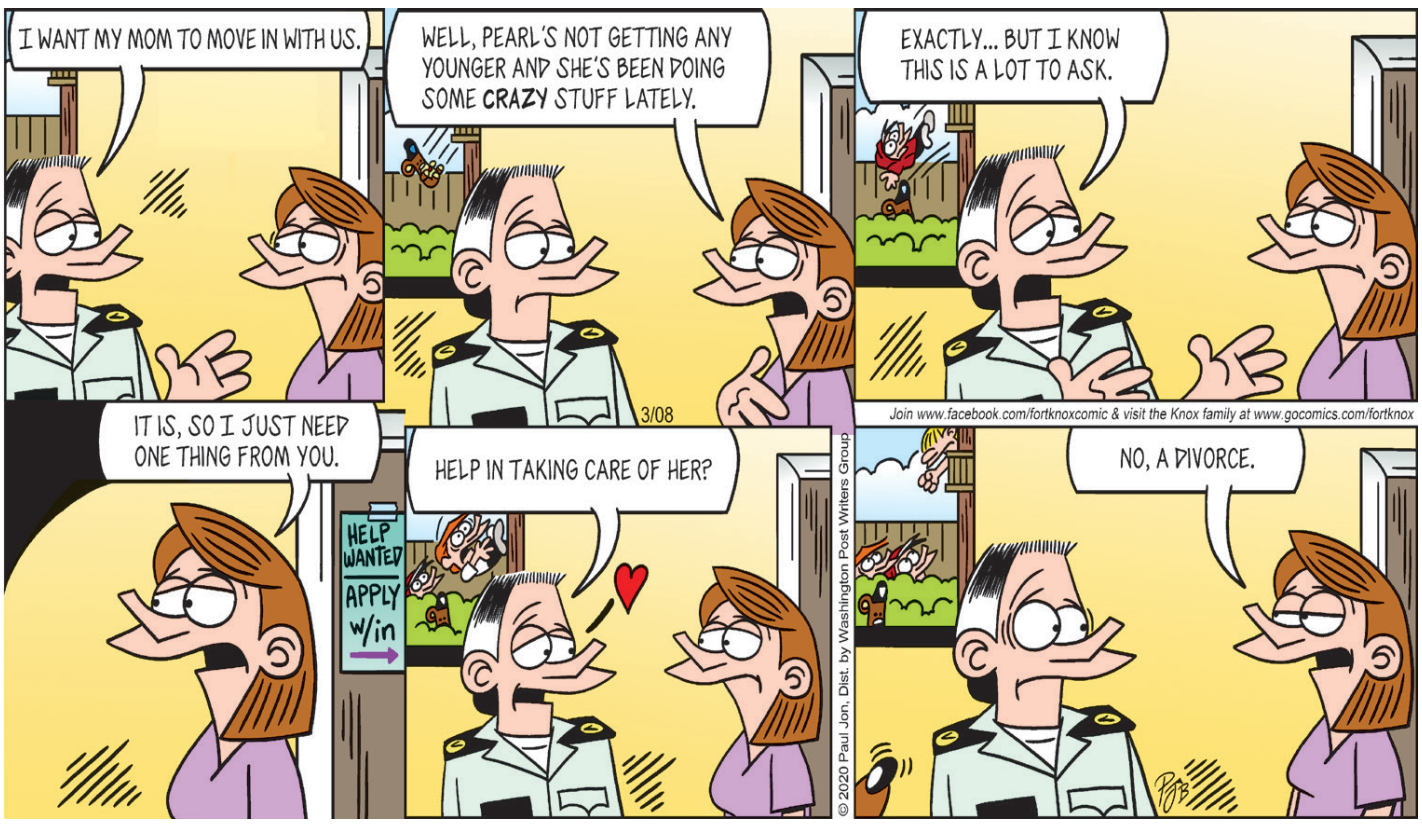

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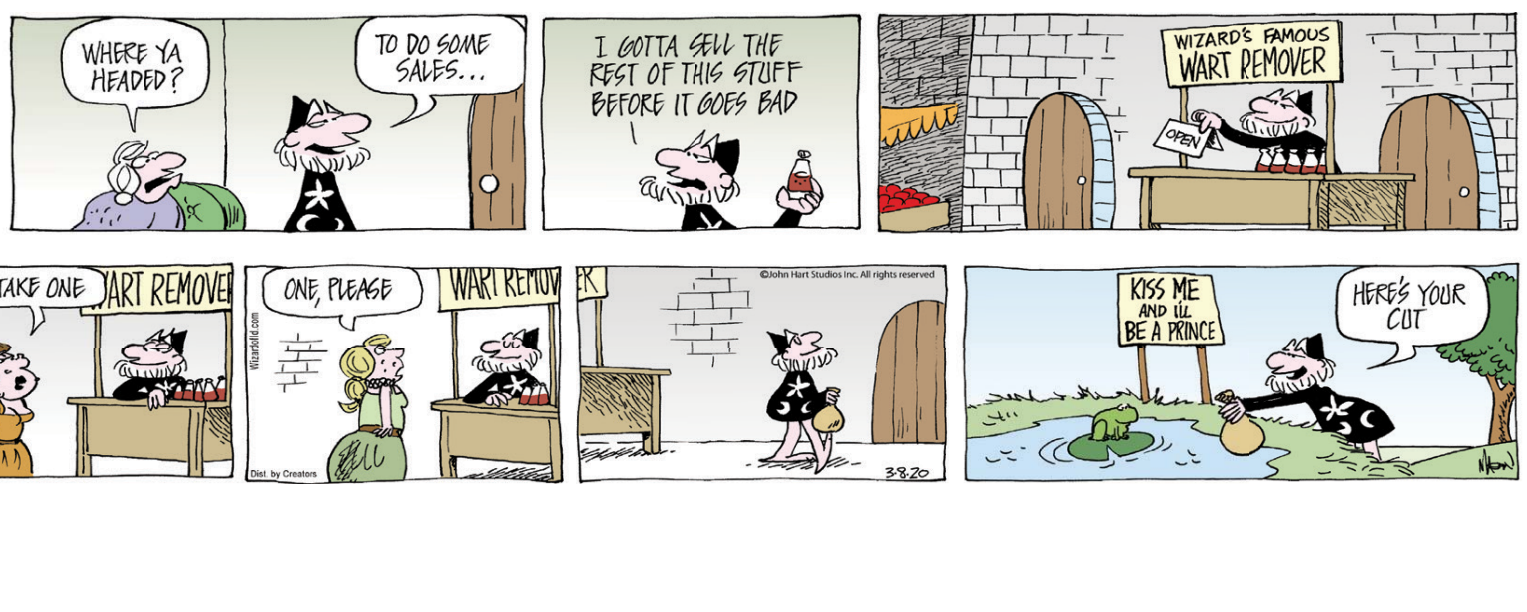

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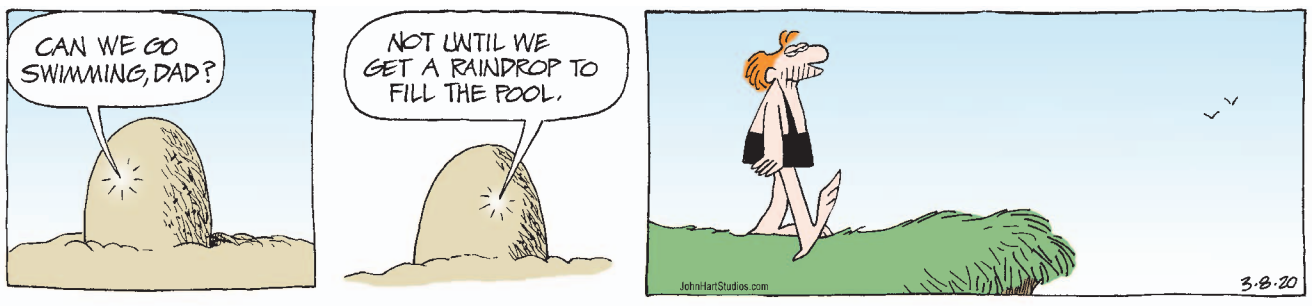

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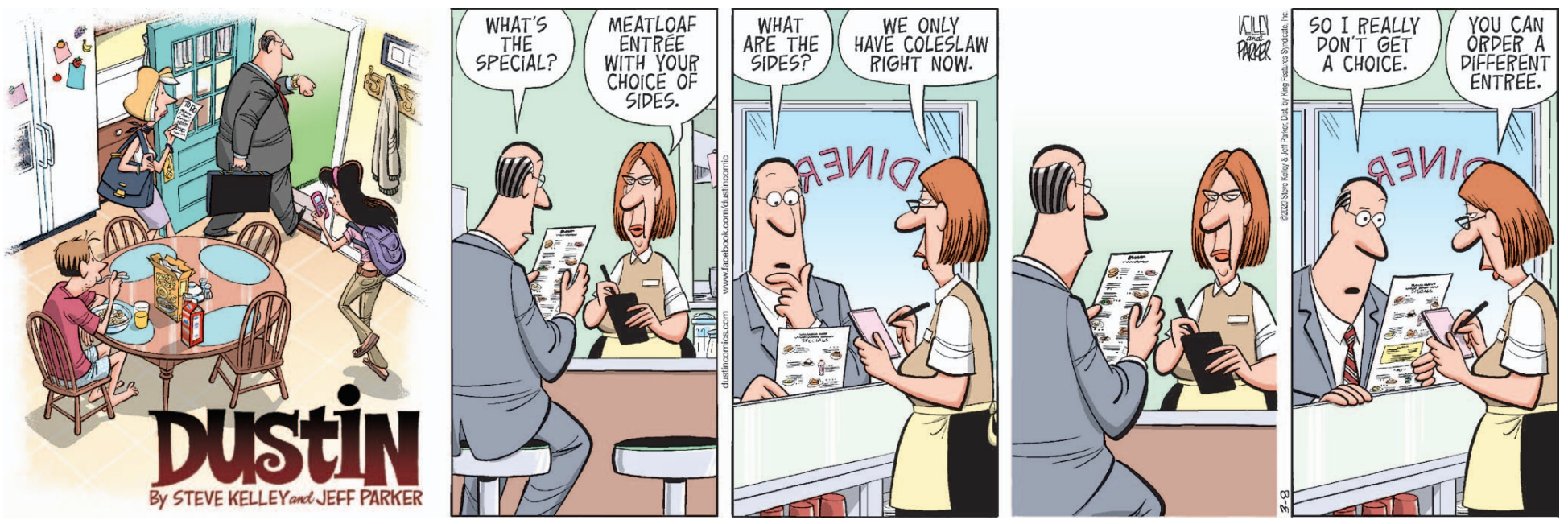

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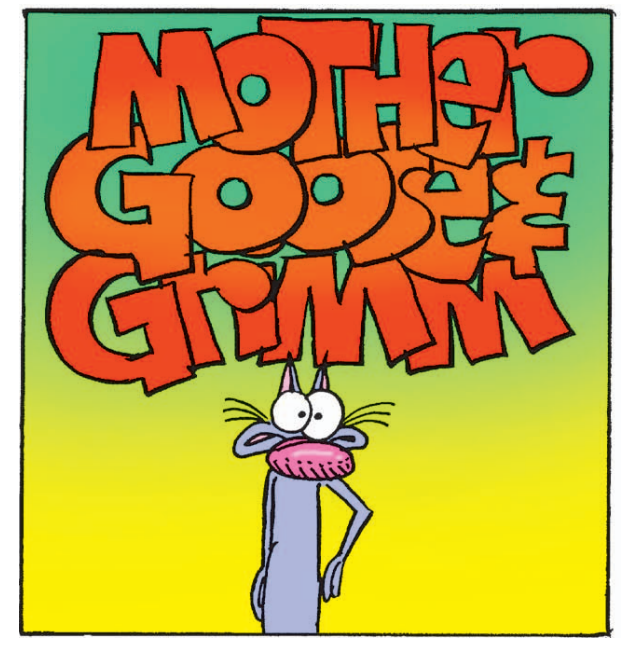

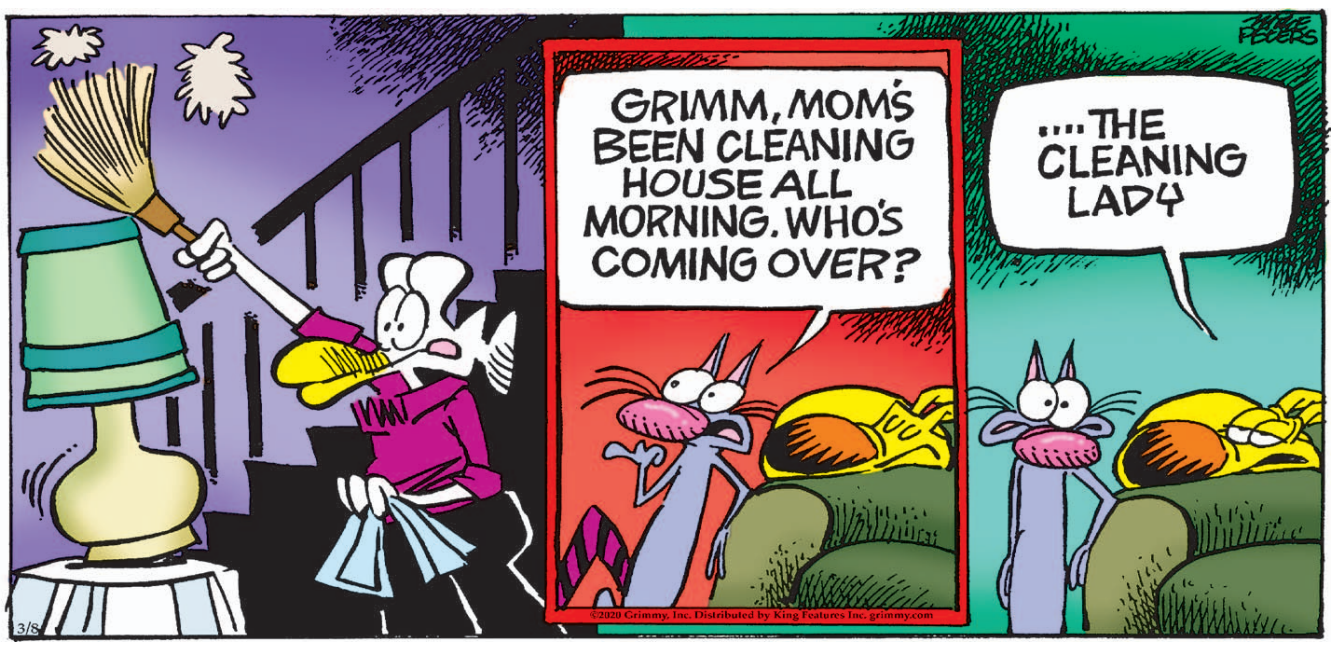

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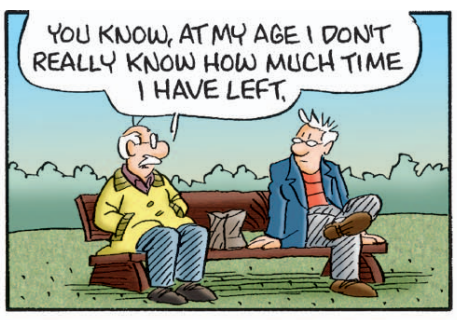
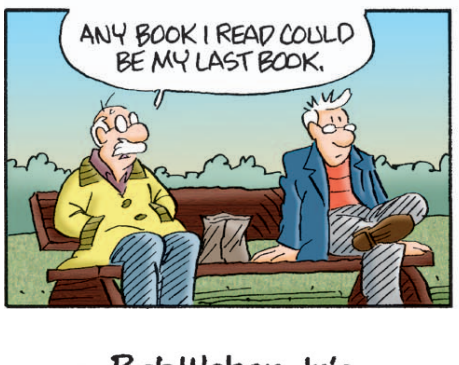
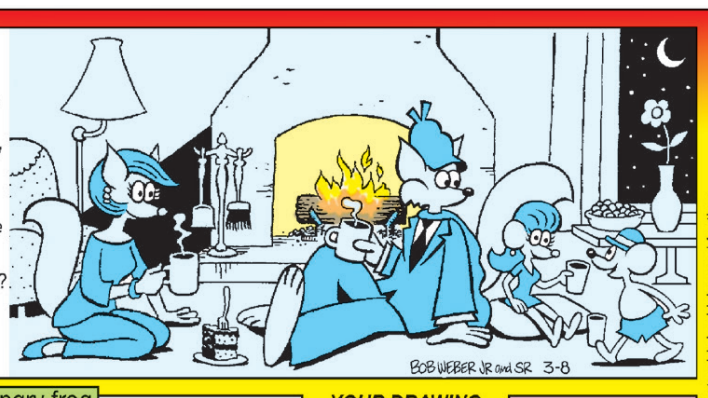




Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Max Mouse challenged his friends with the following puzzle: *Count Weirdly served two visitors glasses of iced tea laced with a laughing potion. One visitor gulped the drink and was unaffected, while the other visitor slowly sipped the drink and laughed uncontrollably. Why didn't the visitor that gulped the drink laugh?* Slylock Fox knows the answer. Do you?

Answer -- The laughing potion was in the ice cubes. The visitor that drank slowly gave them time to melt, while the other visitor didn't.



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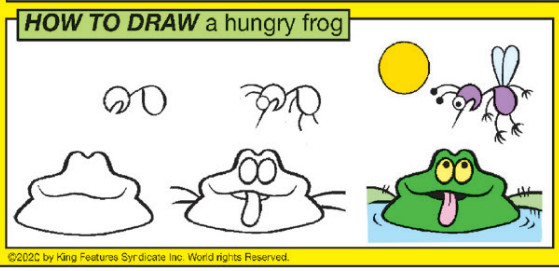

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a) Twins
b) Triplets
c) Quadruplets
d) Quintuplets
e) Sextuplets

Answer -- c)

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Cloud, branch, star, bird, whisker and feather.

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